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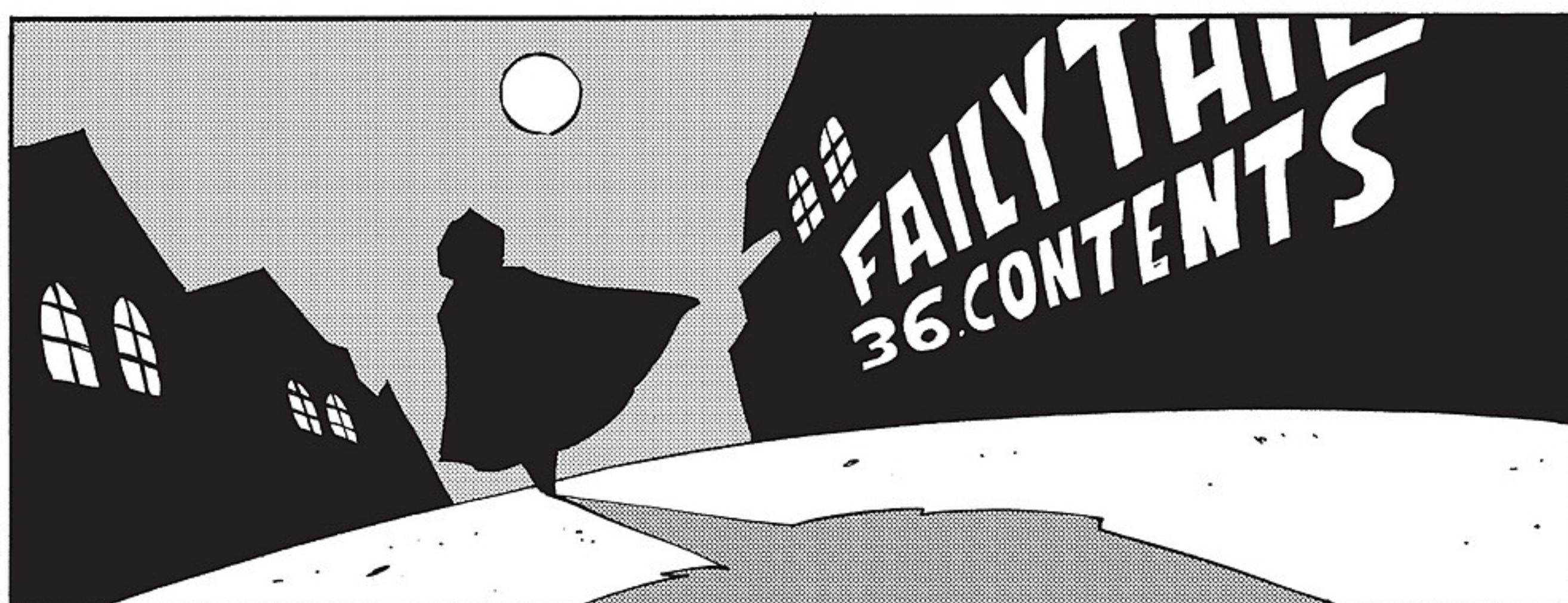
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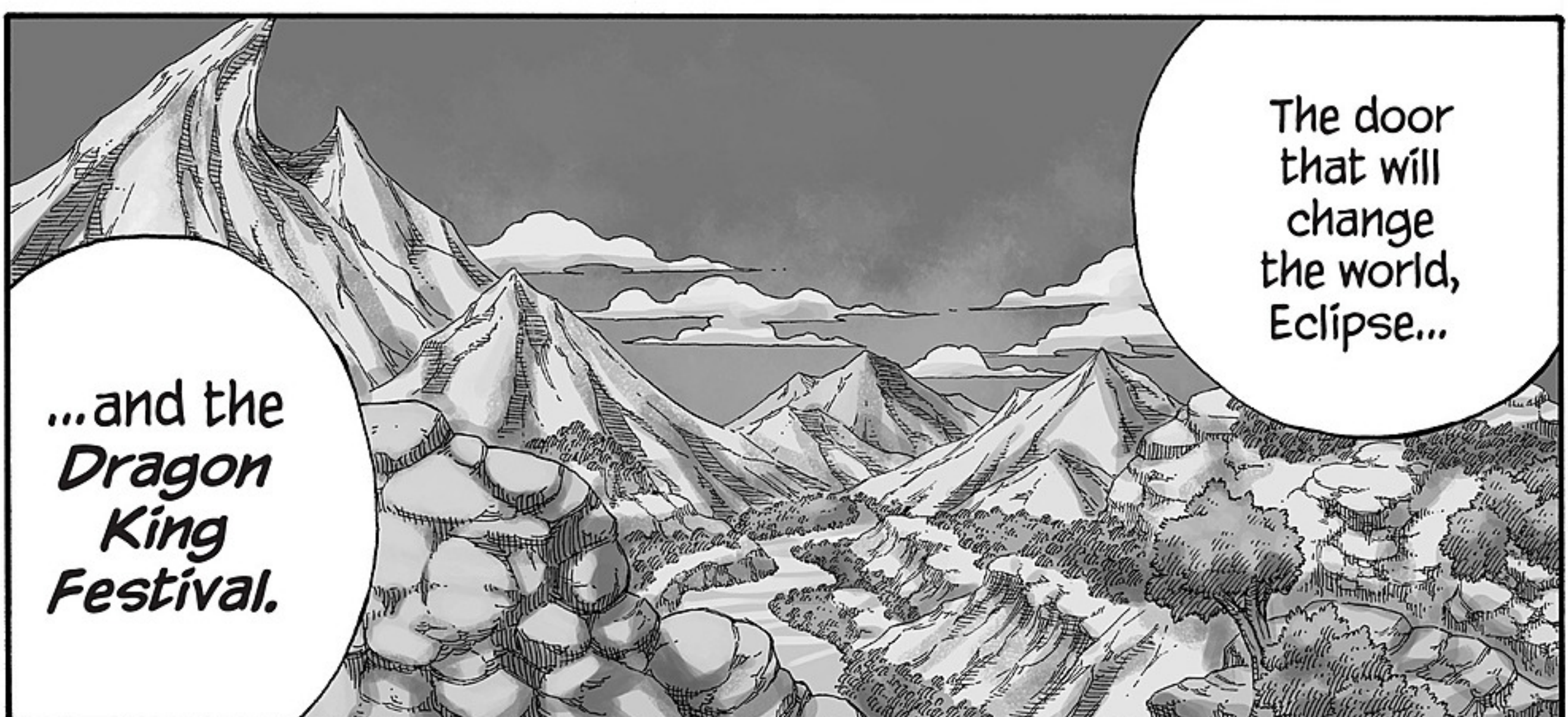
...we were
caught up in
an irresistible
destiny.

We completely
misunderstood,
and at the same
time...



I wouldn't
normally
believe such
a story...

Is what
you just
said...
true?



...and the
*Dragon
King
Festival.*

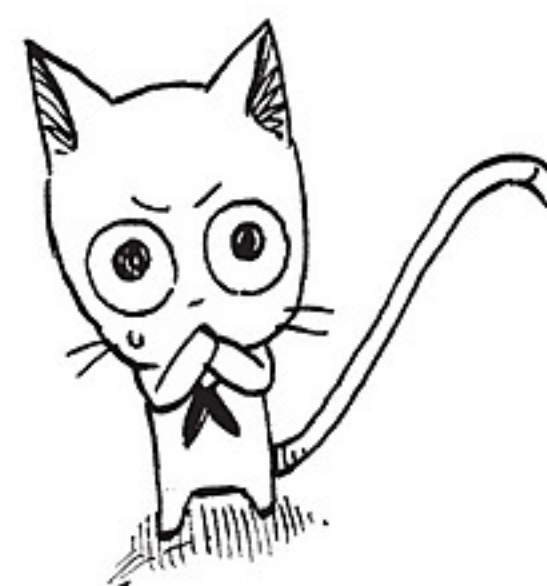
The door
that will
change
the world,
Eclipse...



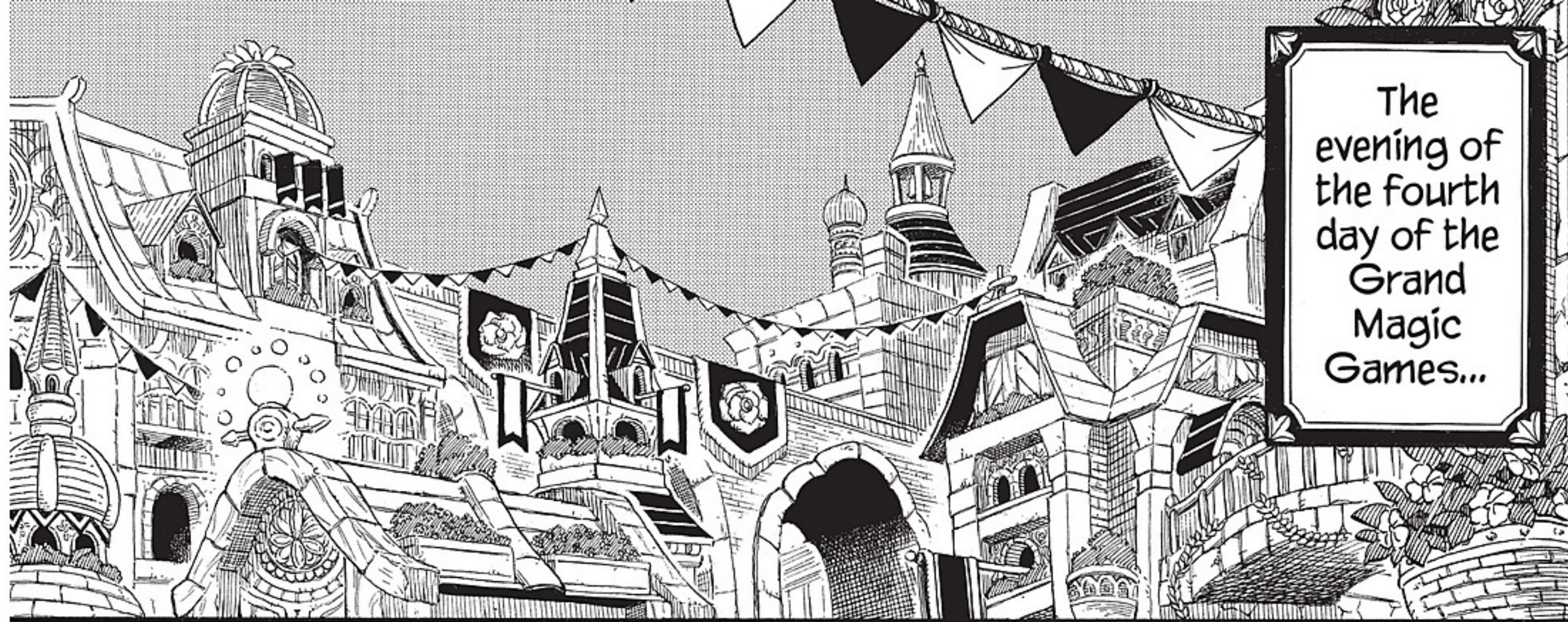
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300th
Episode Anniversary

Chapter 300: Where the Dragon Souls Sleep



 **FAIRYTAIL**



The evening of the fourth day of the Grand Magic Games...

Grand Magic Games, Fourth Day, Final Results

1st Place: Fairy Tail — 45p
2nd Place: Saber Tooth — 44p
3rd Place: Mermaid Heel — 40p
3rd Place: Lamia Scale — 40p
5th Place: Blue Pegasus — 30p
6th Place: Quatro Puppy — 15p

CHATTER

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I think Saber's time is over, huh?

Saber Tooth...
Heh heh heh...

They're at number one?!

Fairy Tail's outta control!



Saber isn't anywhere *near* down yet!

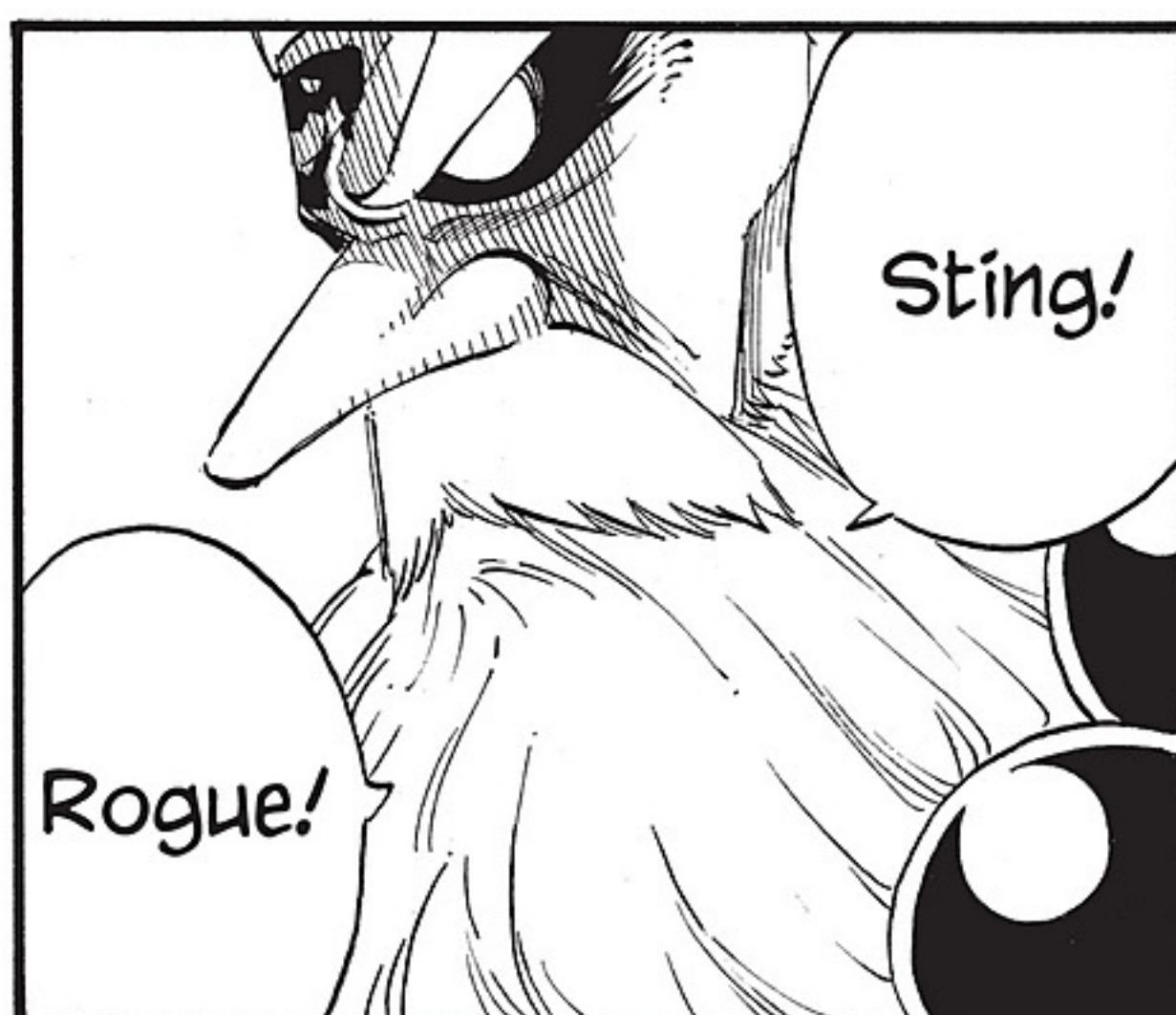
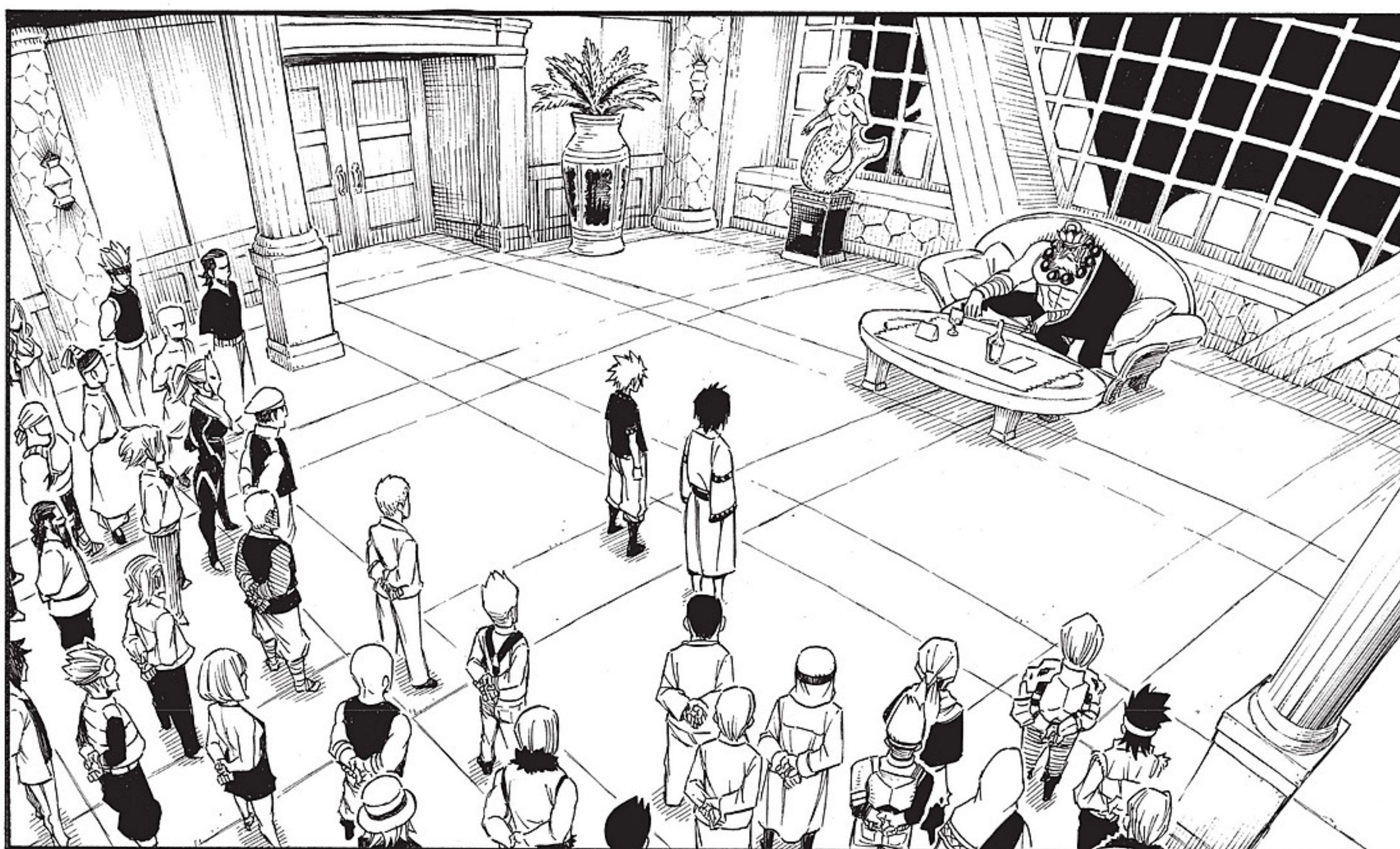
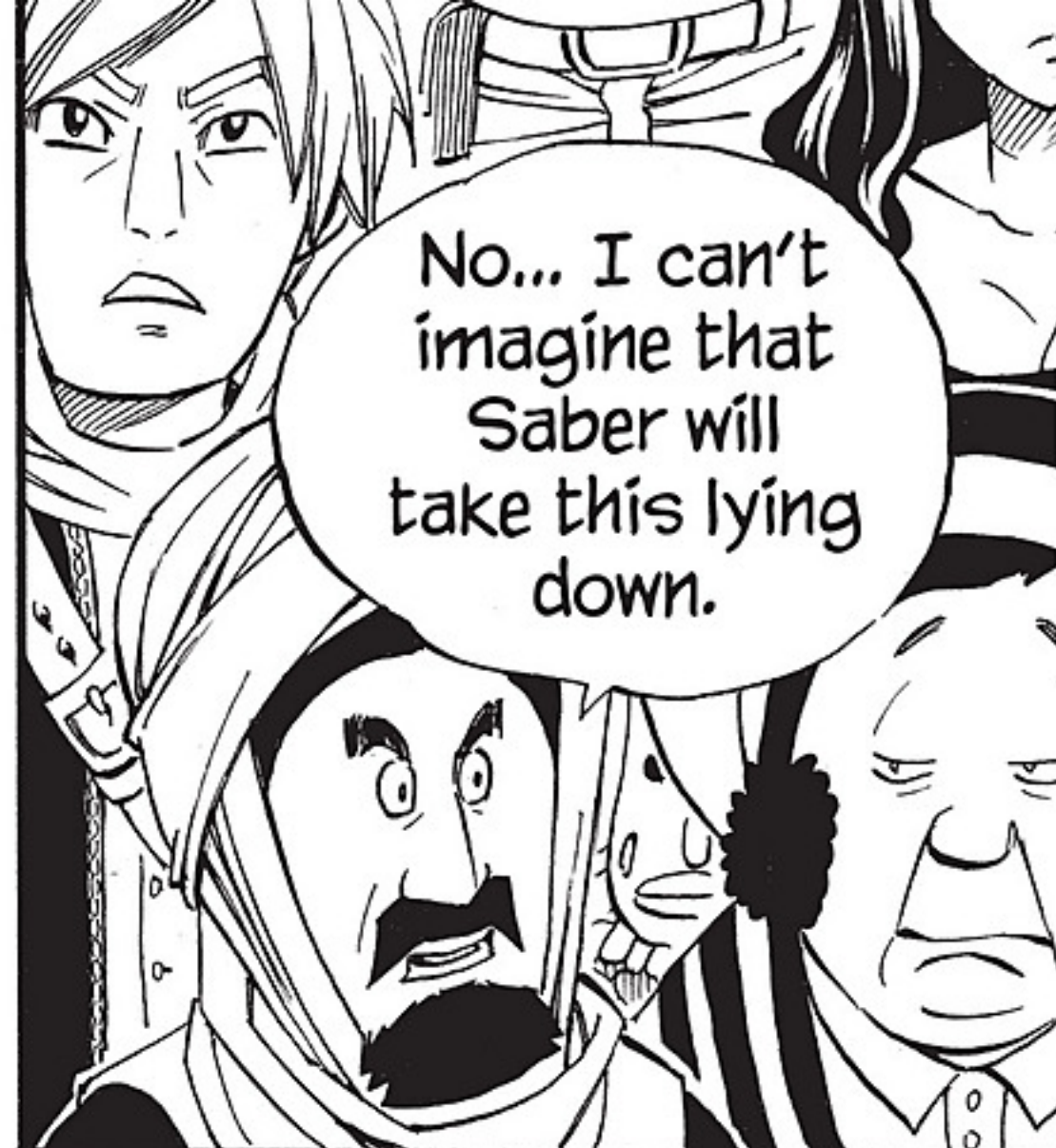
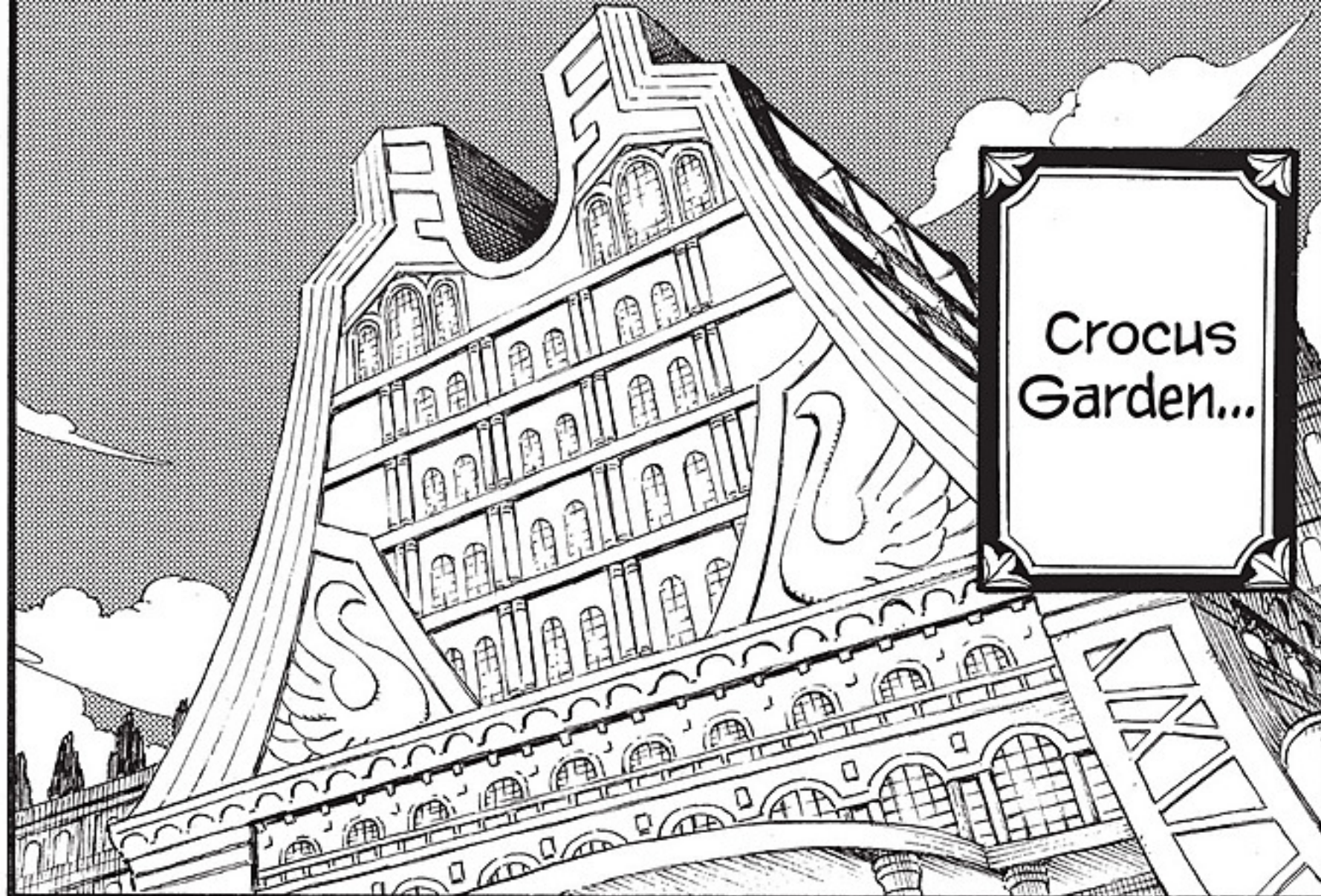
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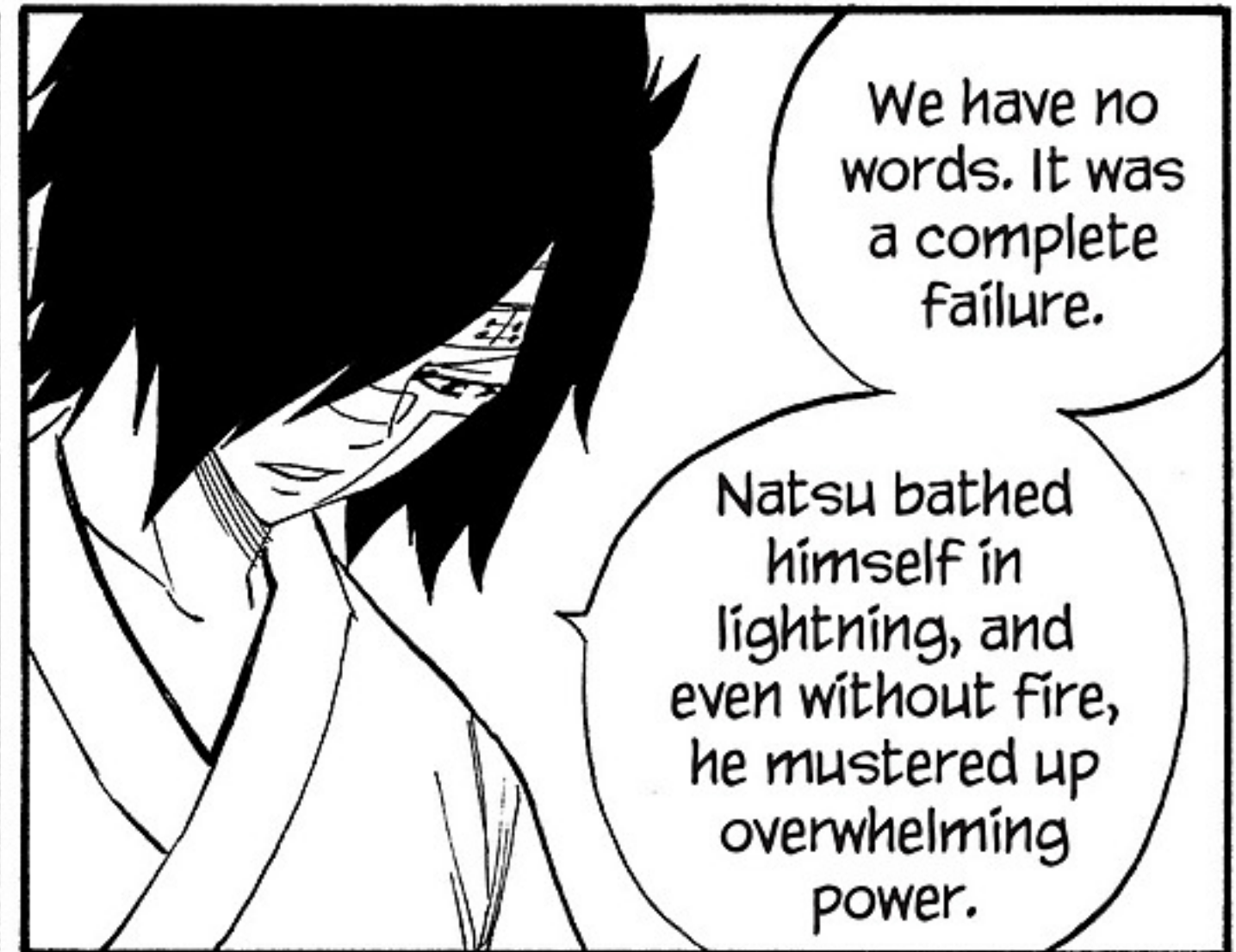
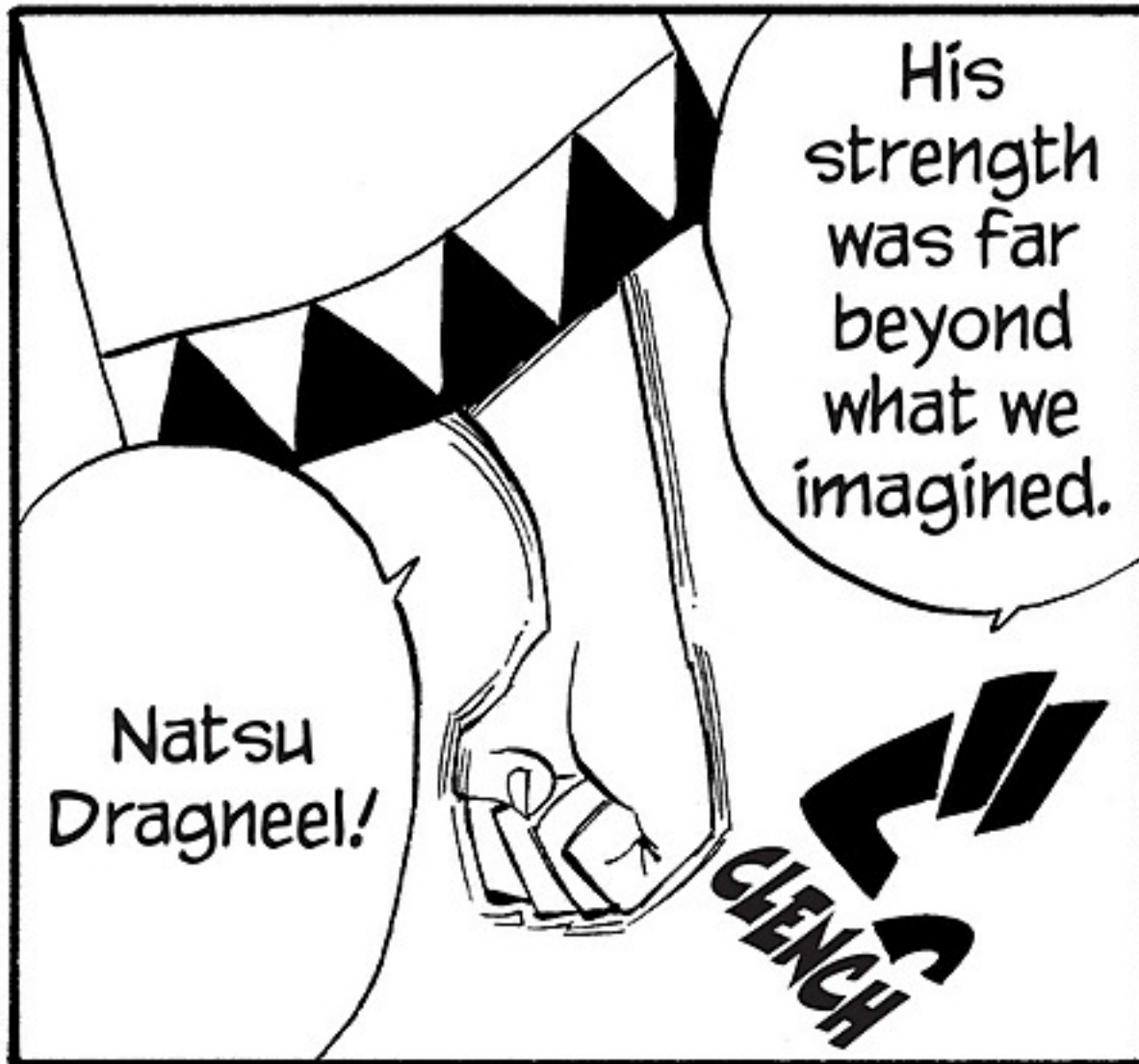
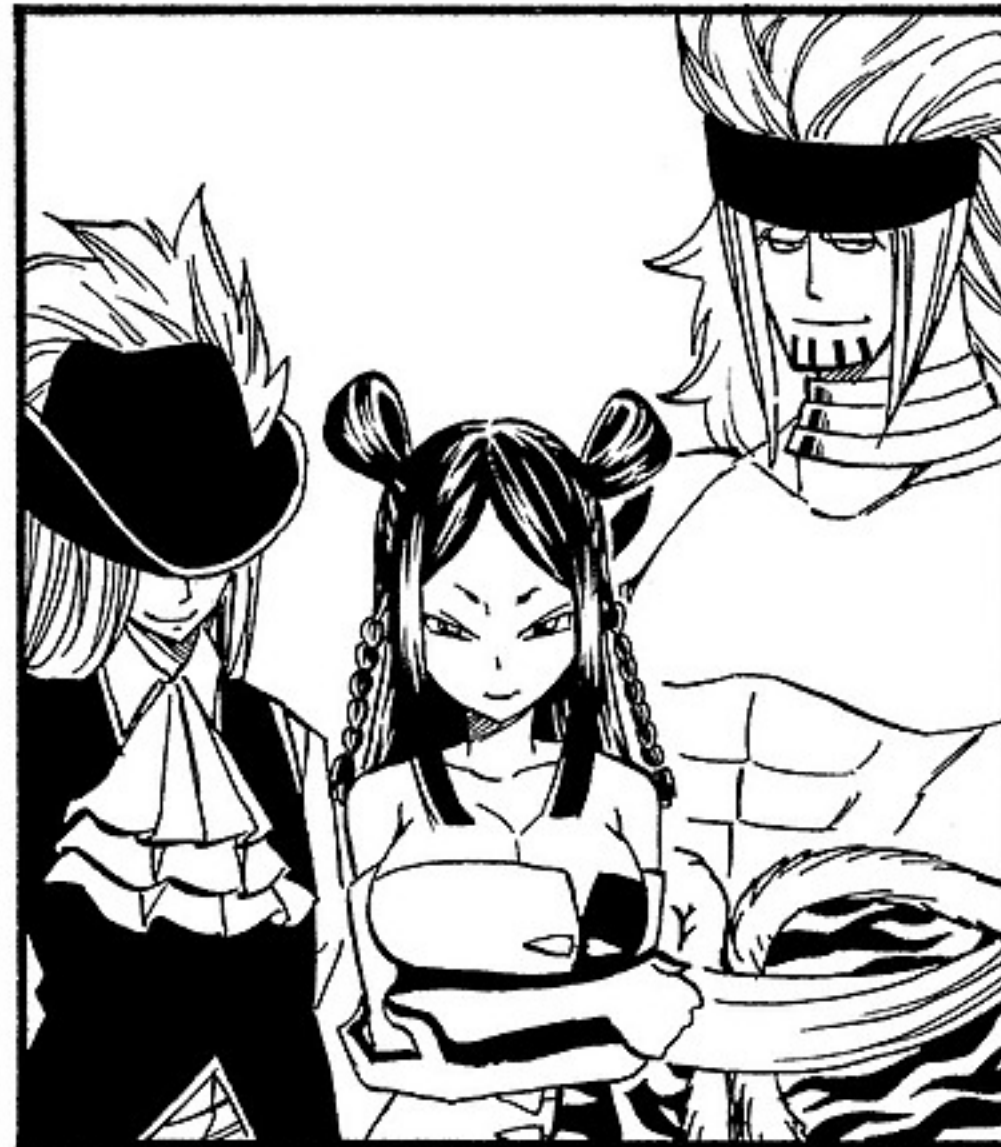
I hope it's Mermaid's year to win!

Lamia's in there, too!

Don't you think it'll be Fairy?

Which one's gonna win, huh?







You have
sullied the
name of
the world's
strongest
guild!!!!



You don't have
the *right* to
call yourselves
Saber Tooth!!



Rogue
!!

Sting-
kun!!



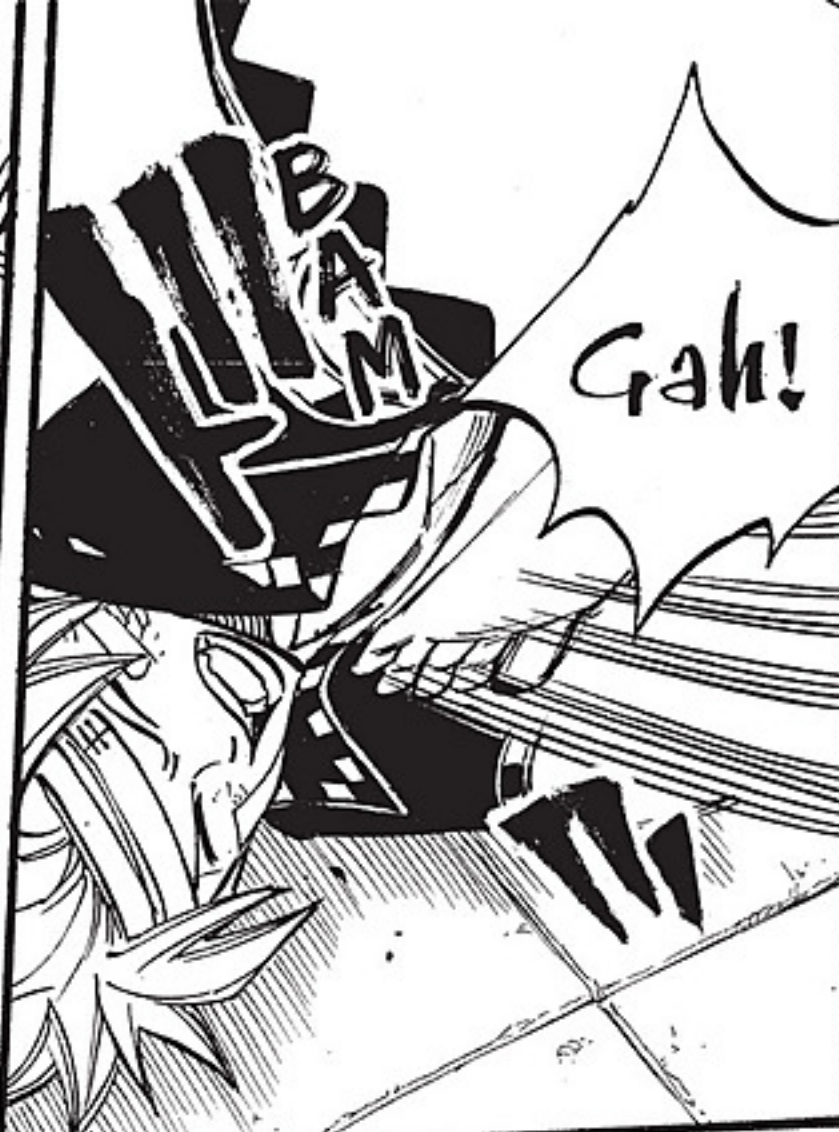


We need no weaklings in our guild!!!!
We need no losers!!!!

Remove it!!!!
Remove your guild marks!!!!



Agh!



Gah!



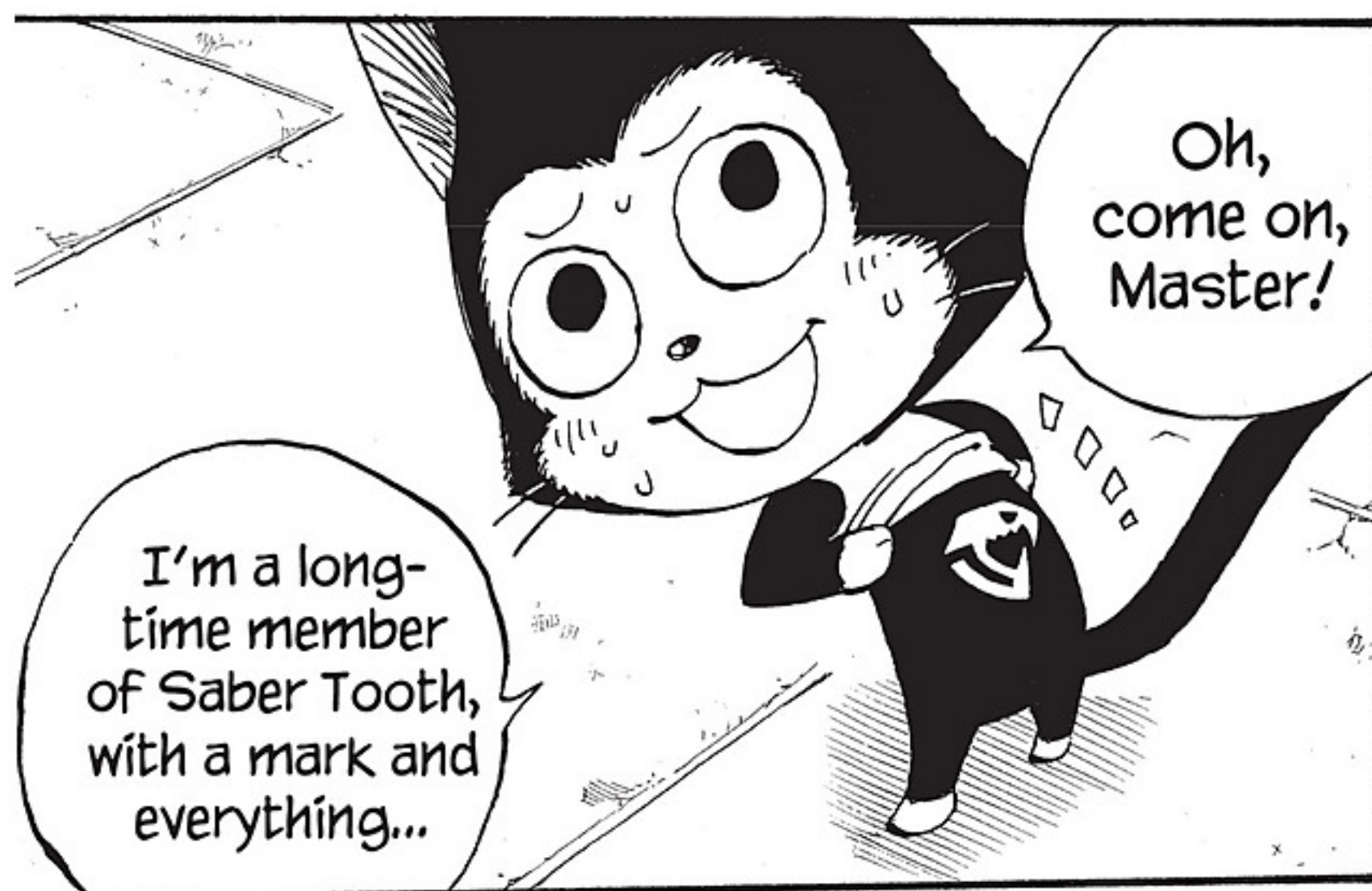
Lecter...

Maybe he lost this once, but I'm very proud of Sting-kun!



Now, now, Master!

Sting-kun and Rogue-kun tried really hard!



Oh, come on, Master!

I'm a long-time member of Saber Tooth, with a mark and everything...

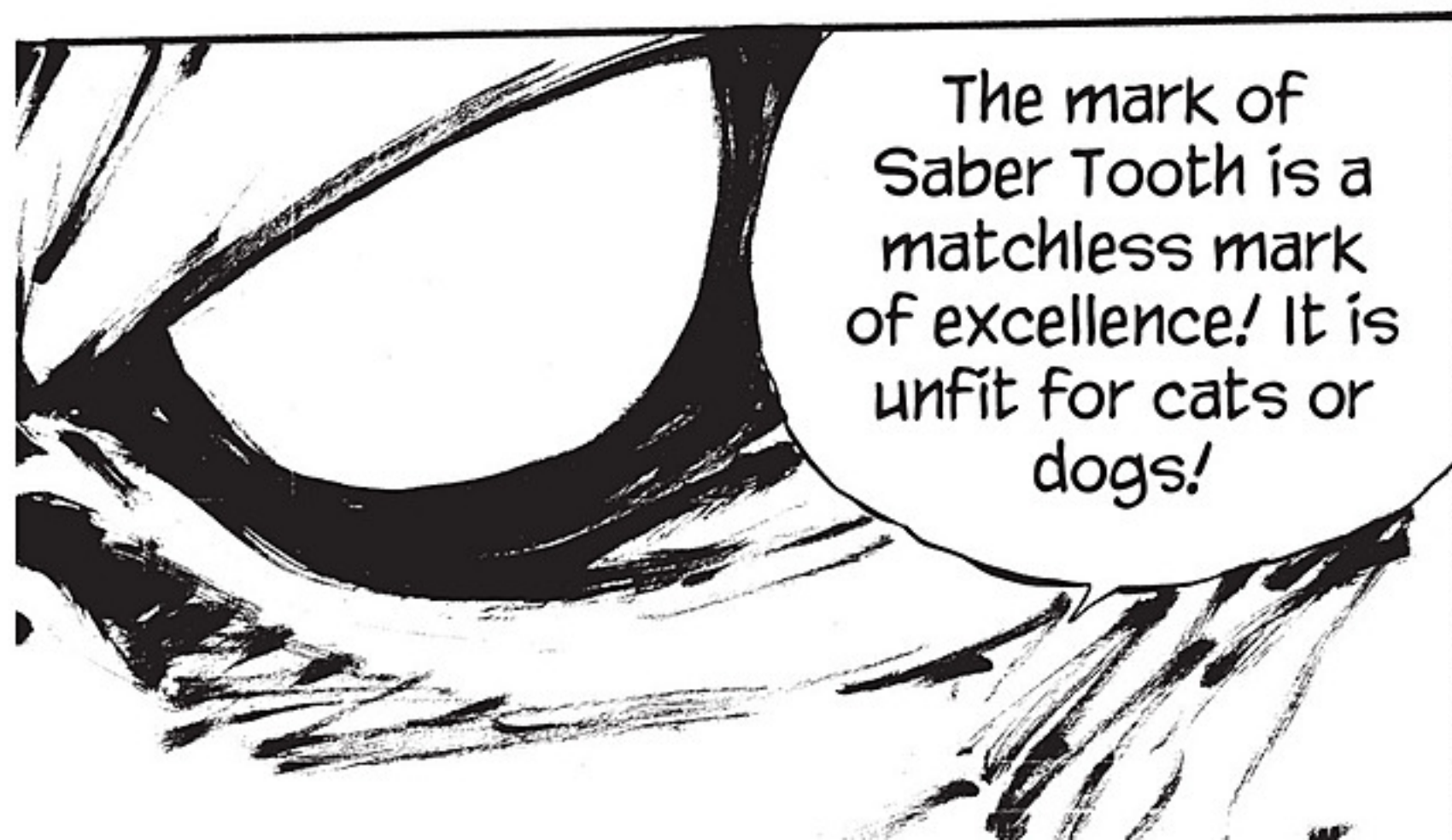


Who are *you*?!

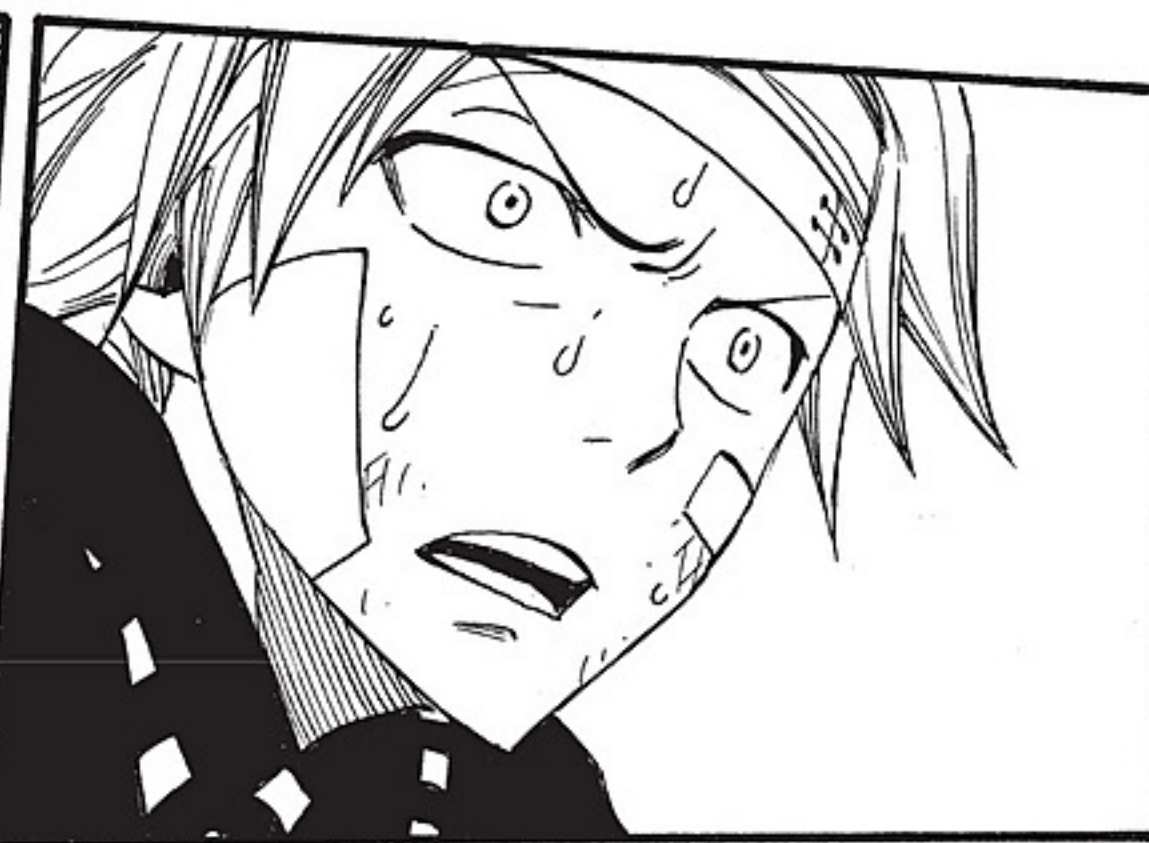
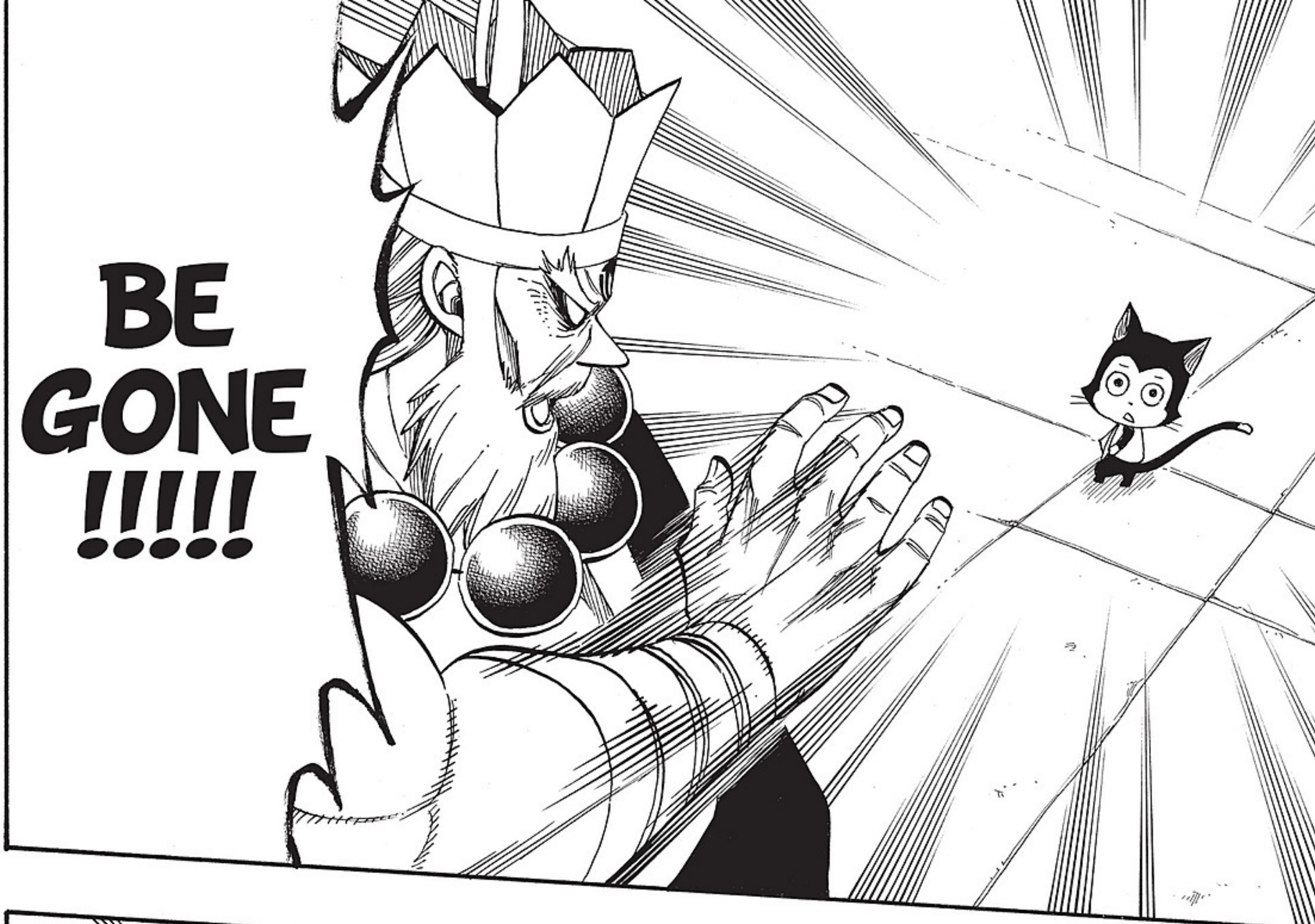


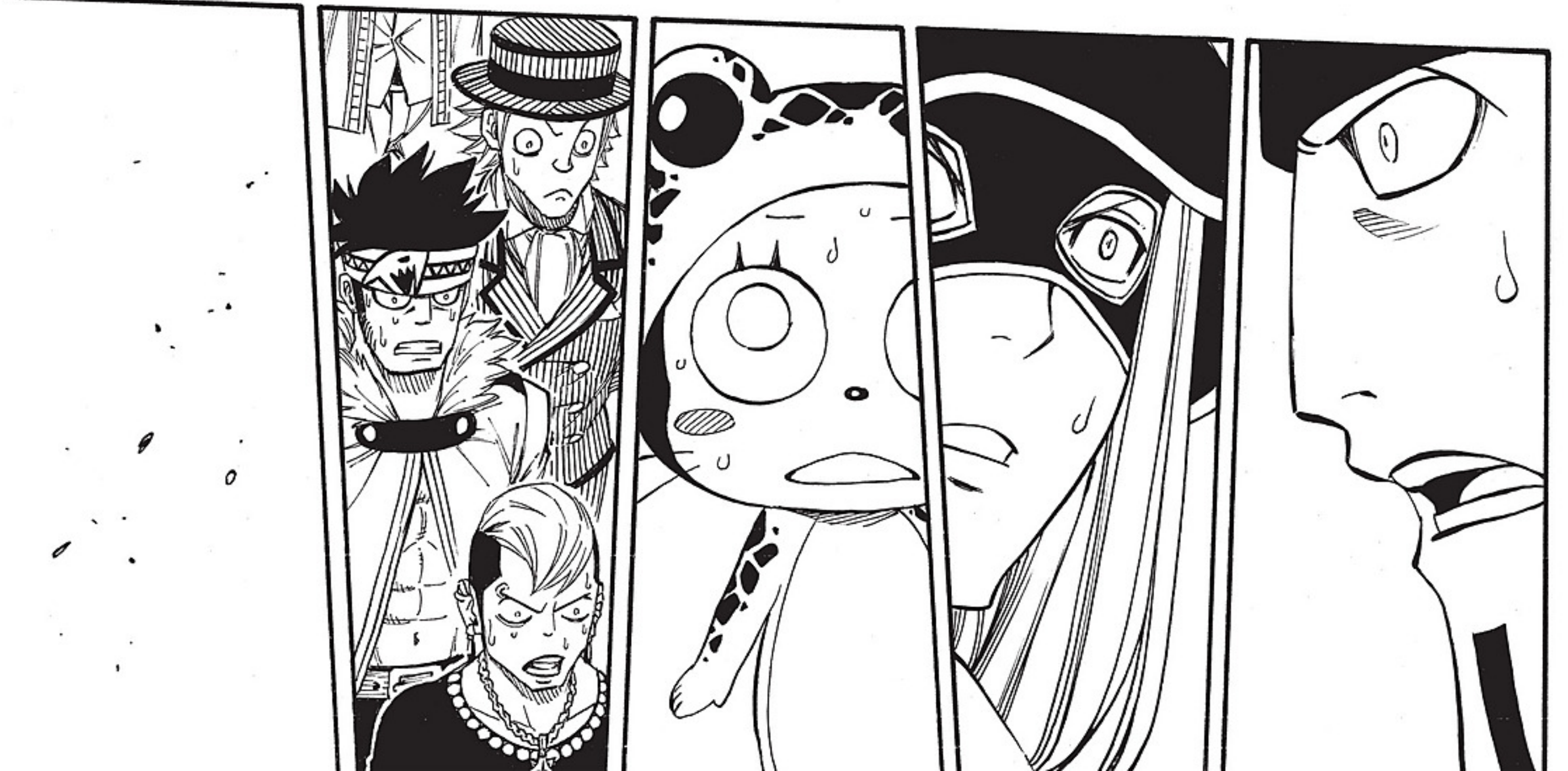
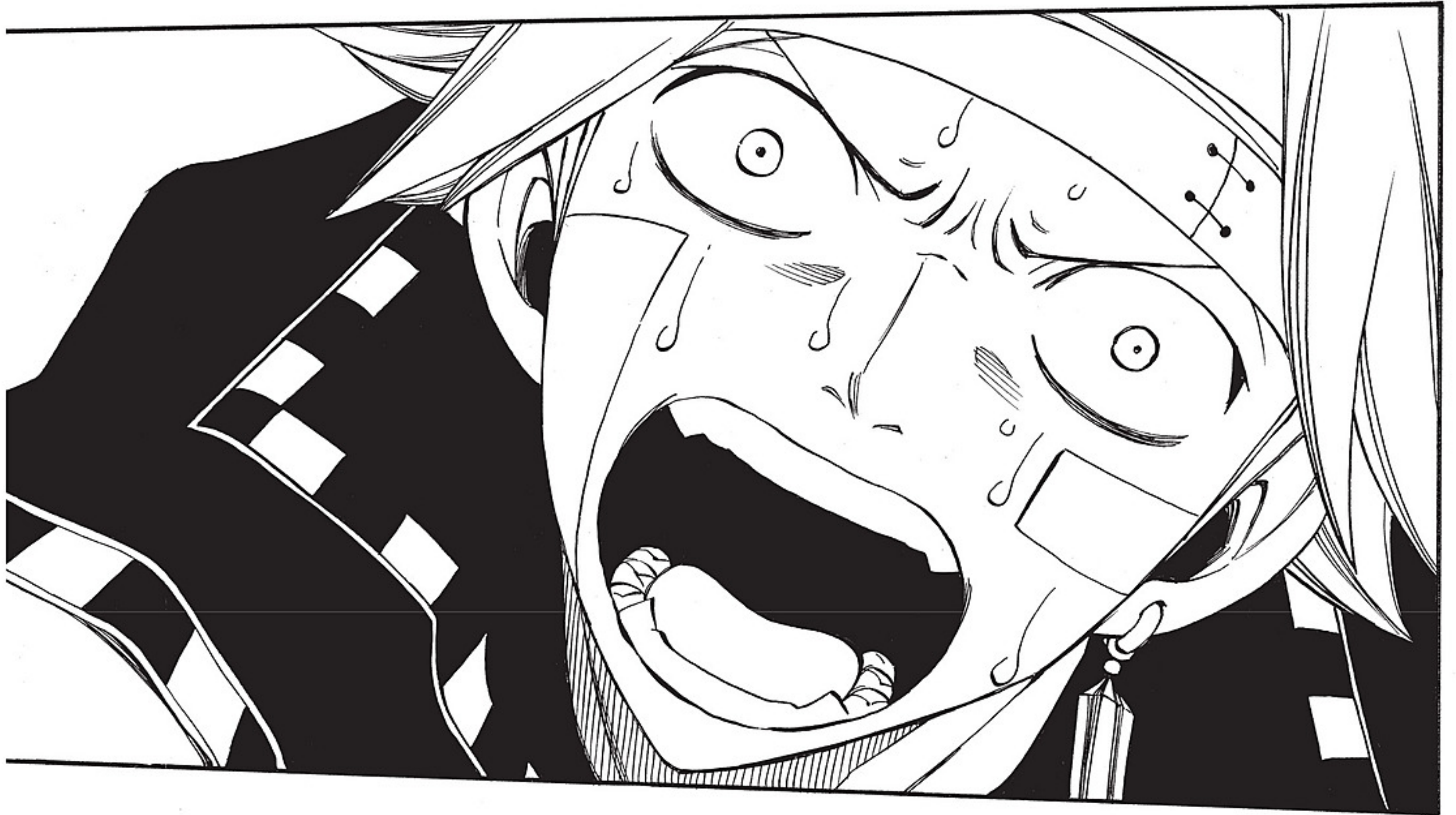
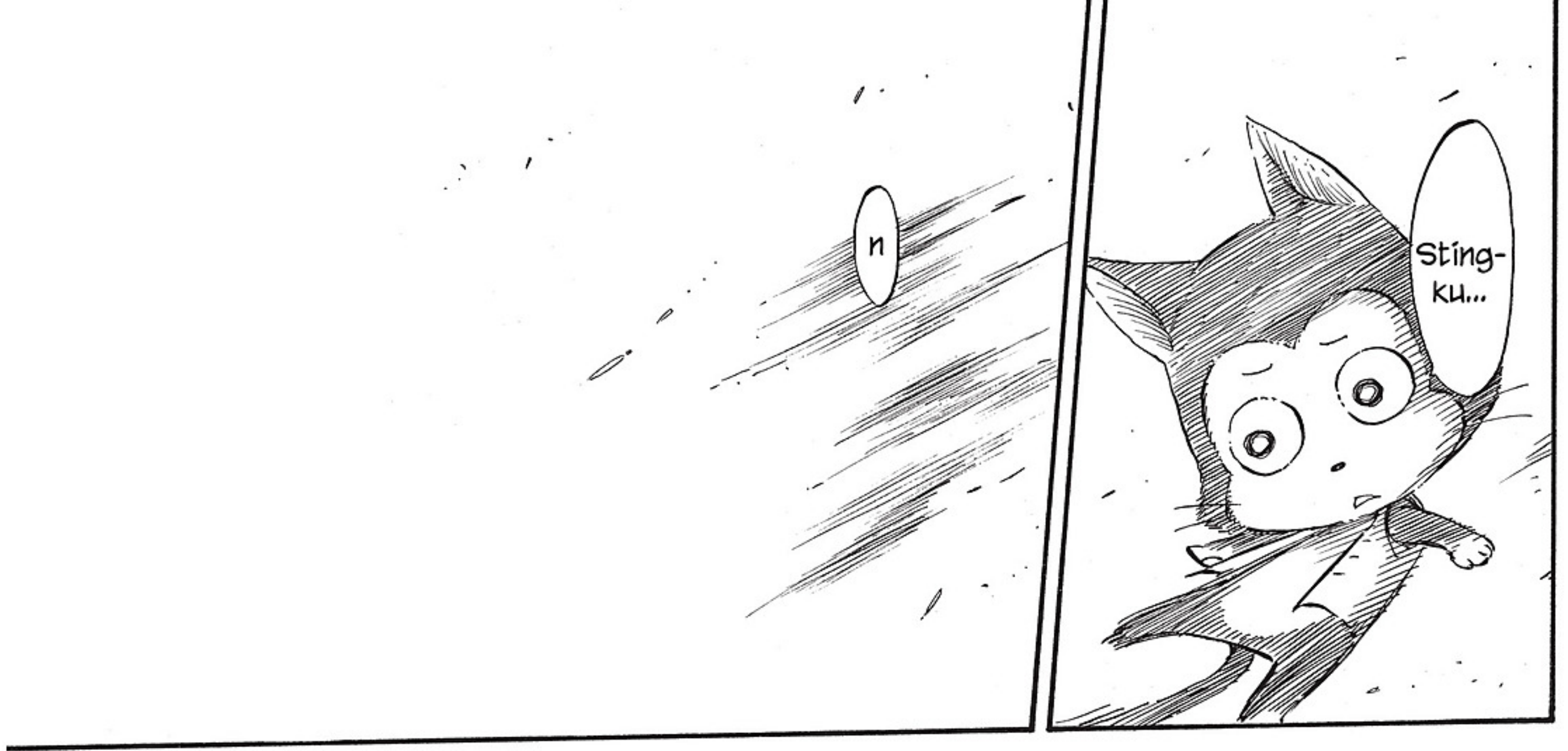
Sting-kun has learned a lot going through this competition!

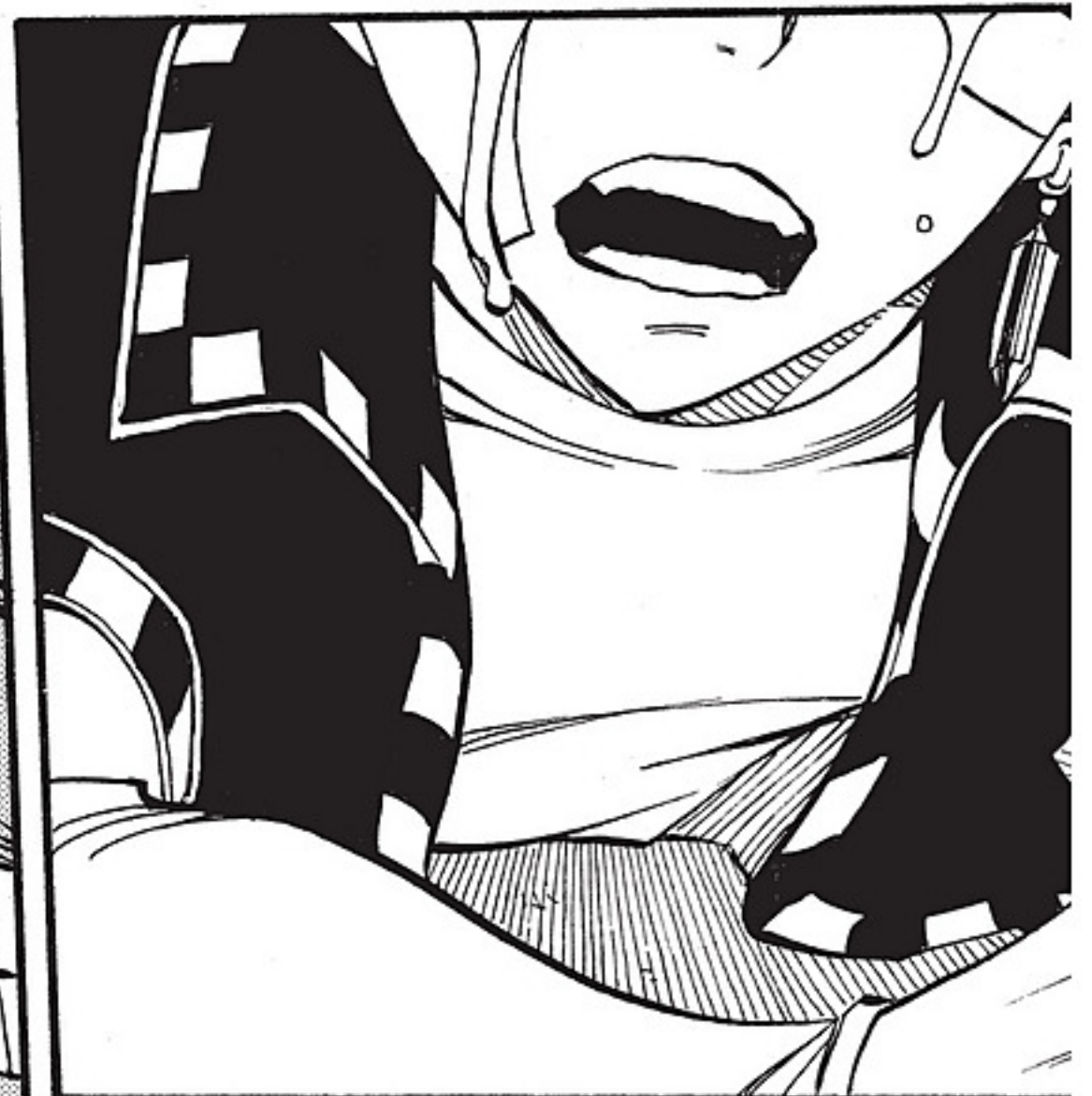
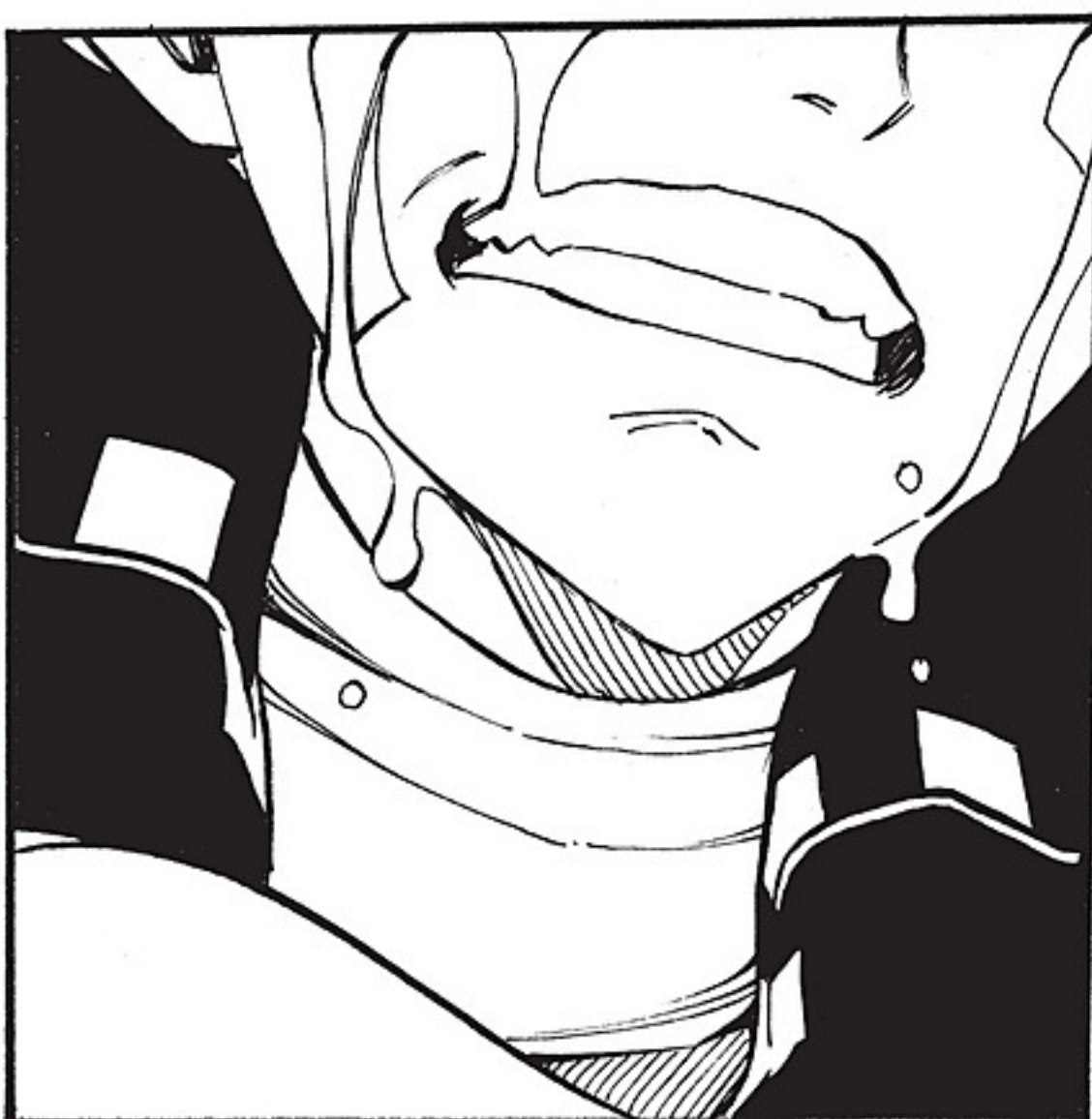
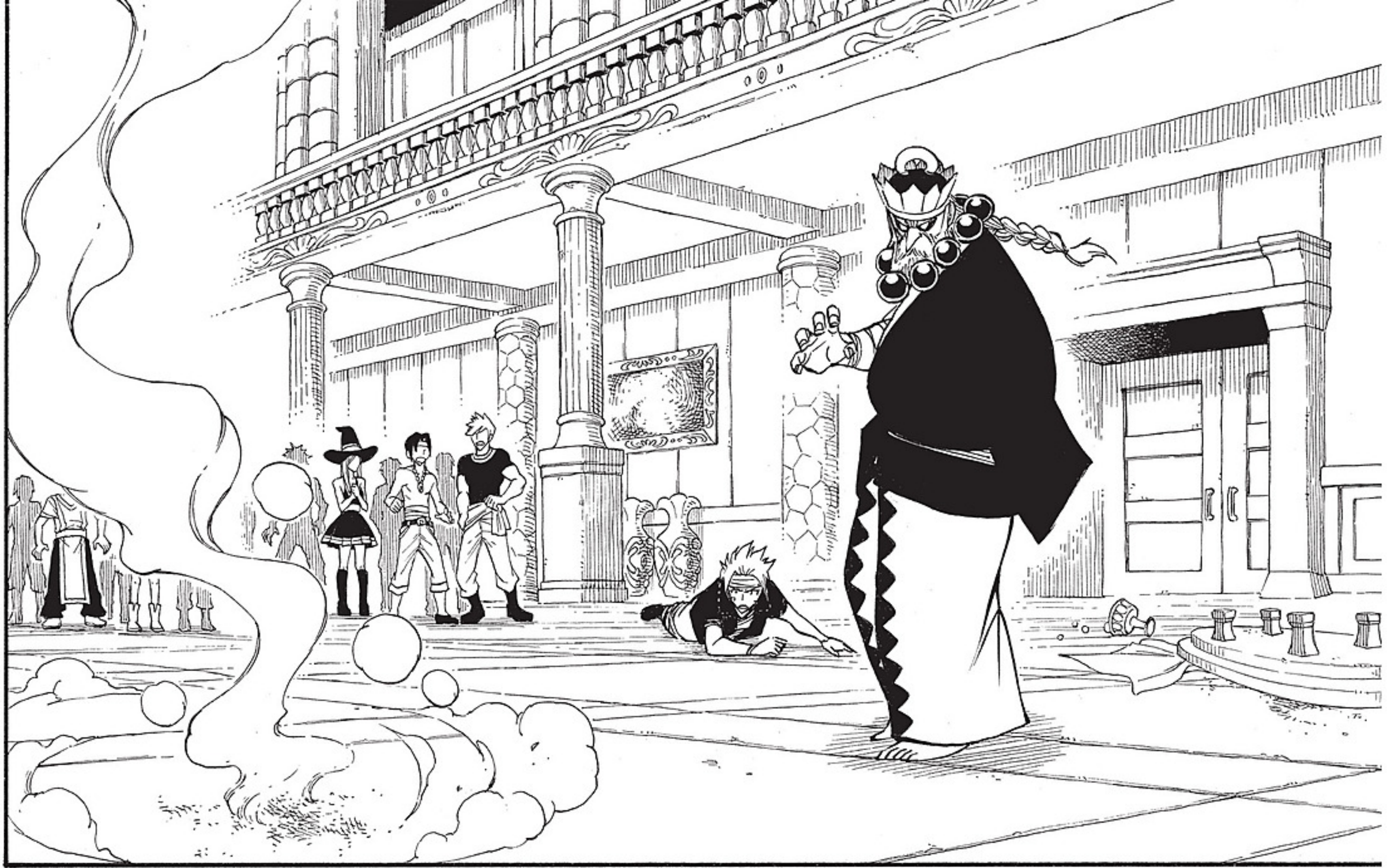
I think that knowing what it is to lose can make a wizard stronger.



The mark of Saber Tooth is a matchless mark of excellence! It is unfit for cats or dogs!









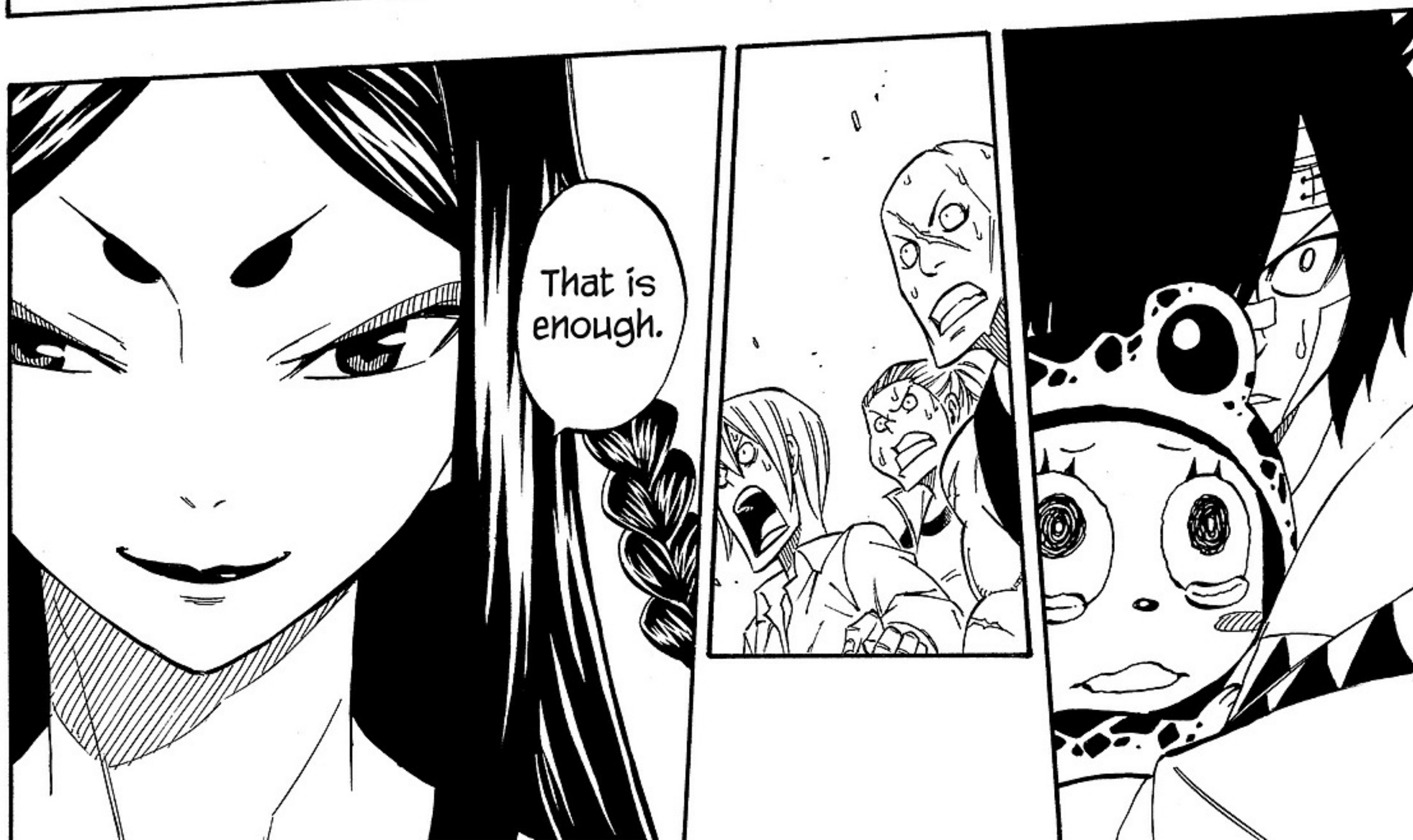
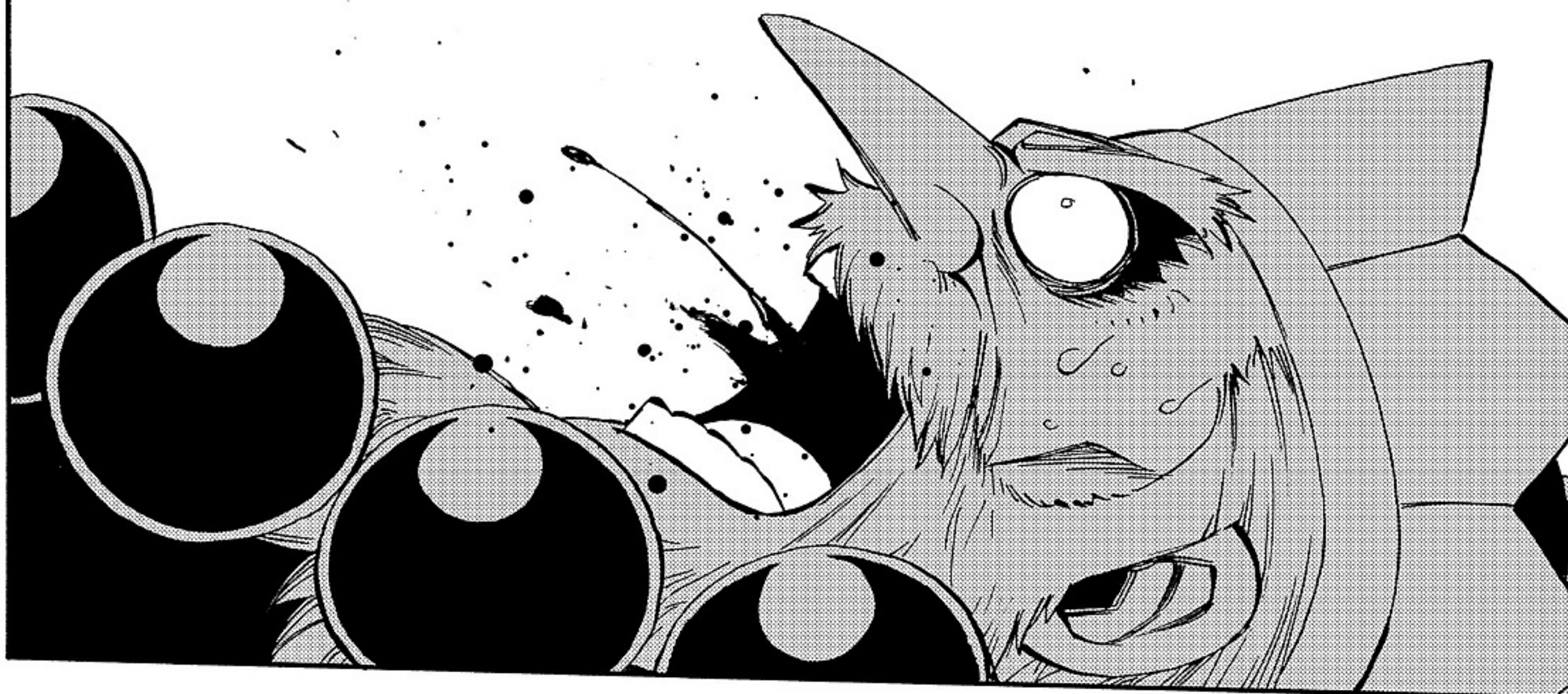
Shut your
mouth!!!! Quit
whining over
one stupid
cat—

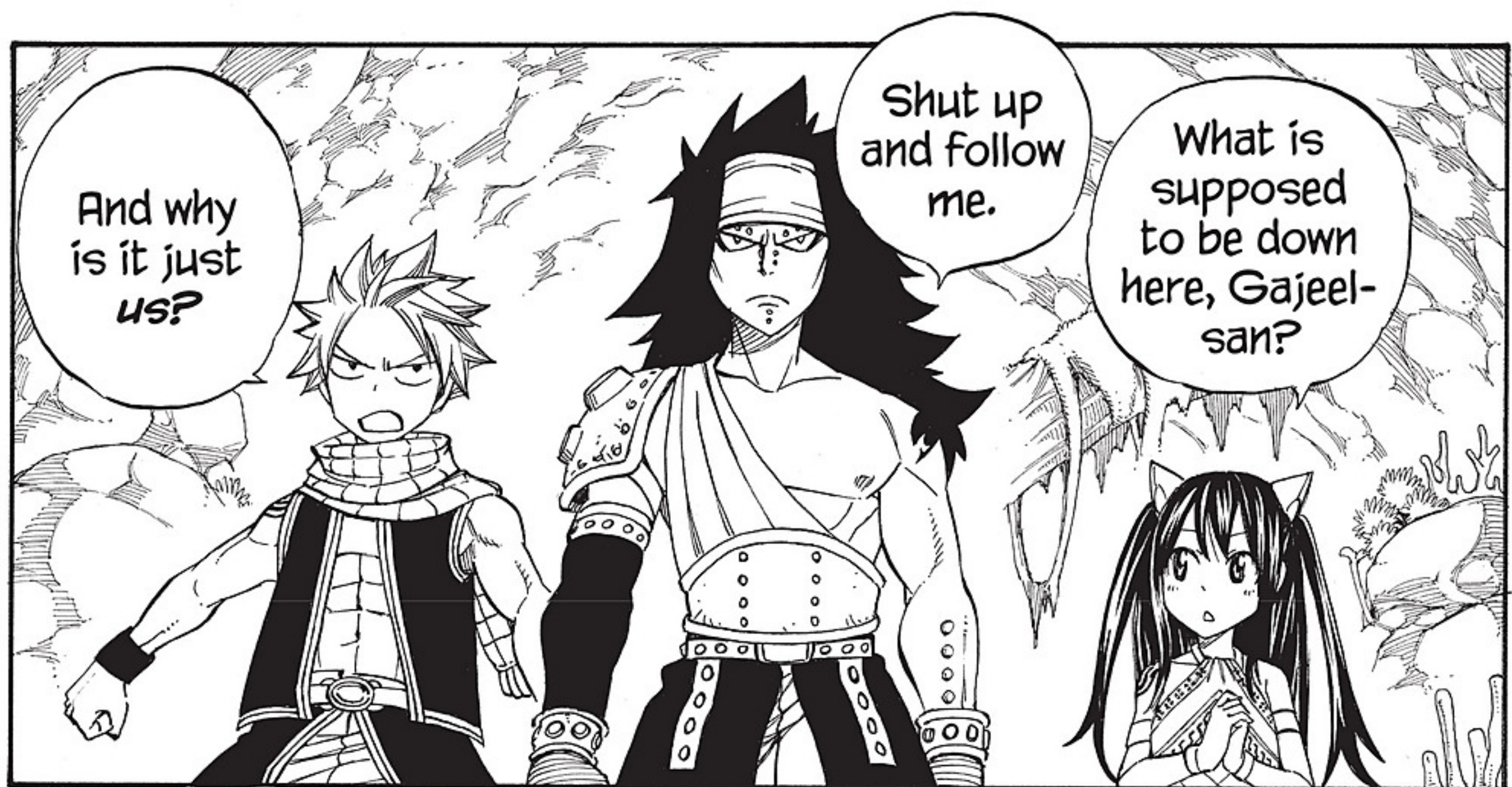
What
you've
done is
just...

What
you've
done...

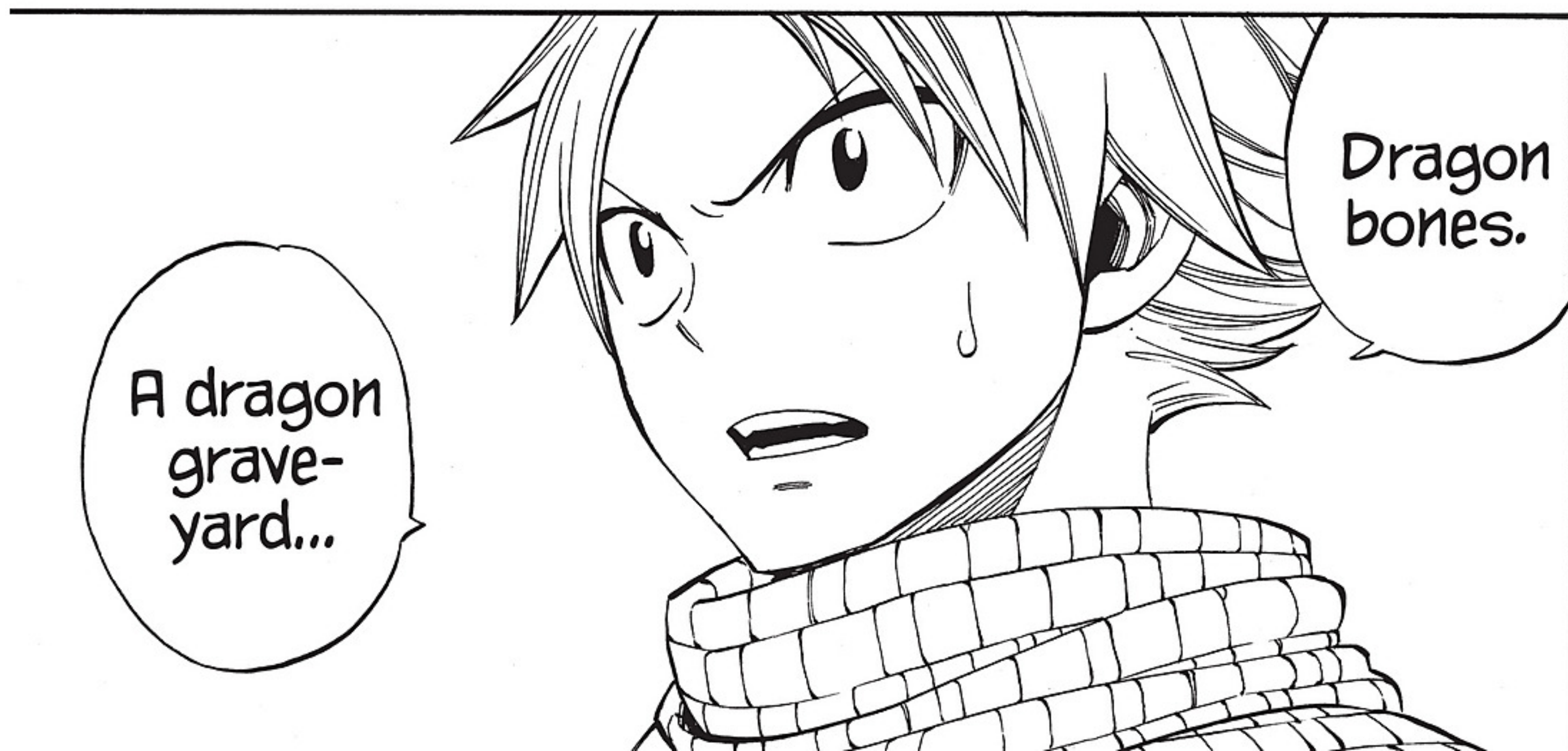
Oh, shut
up, Sting!

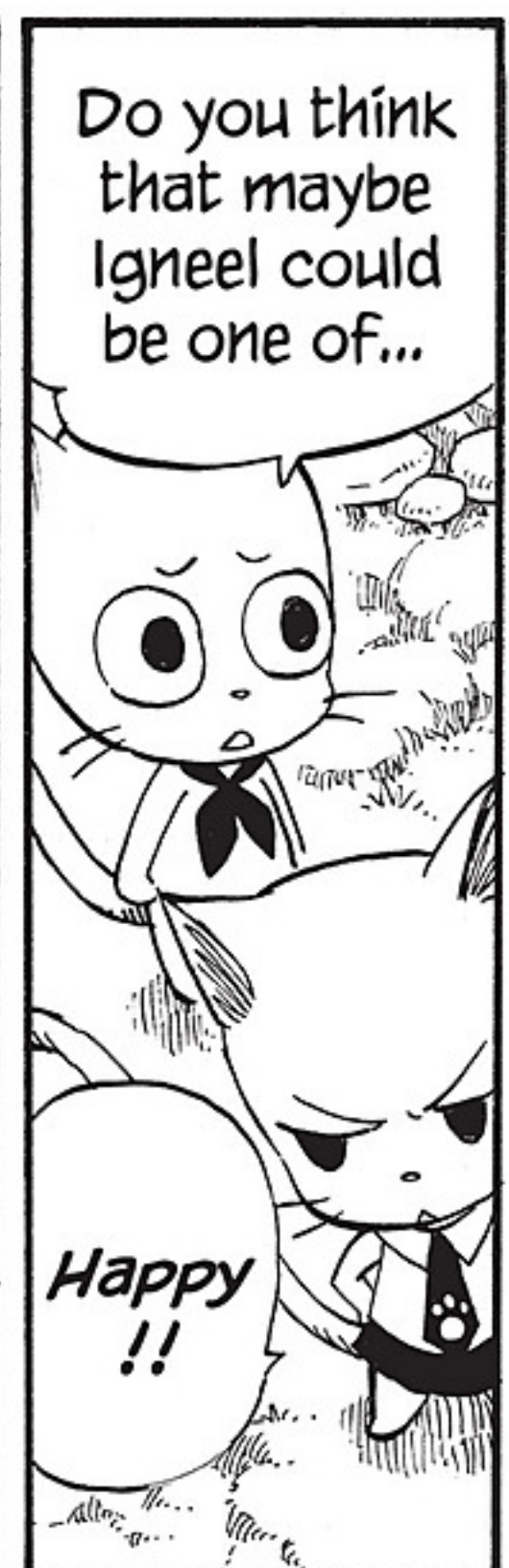
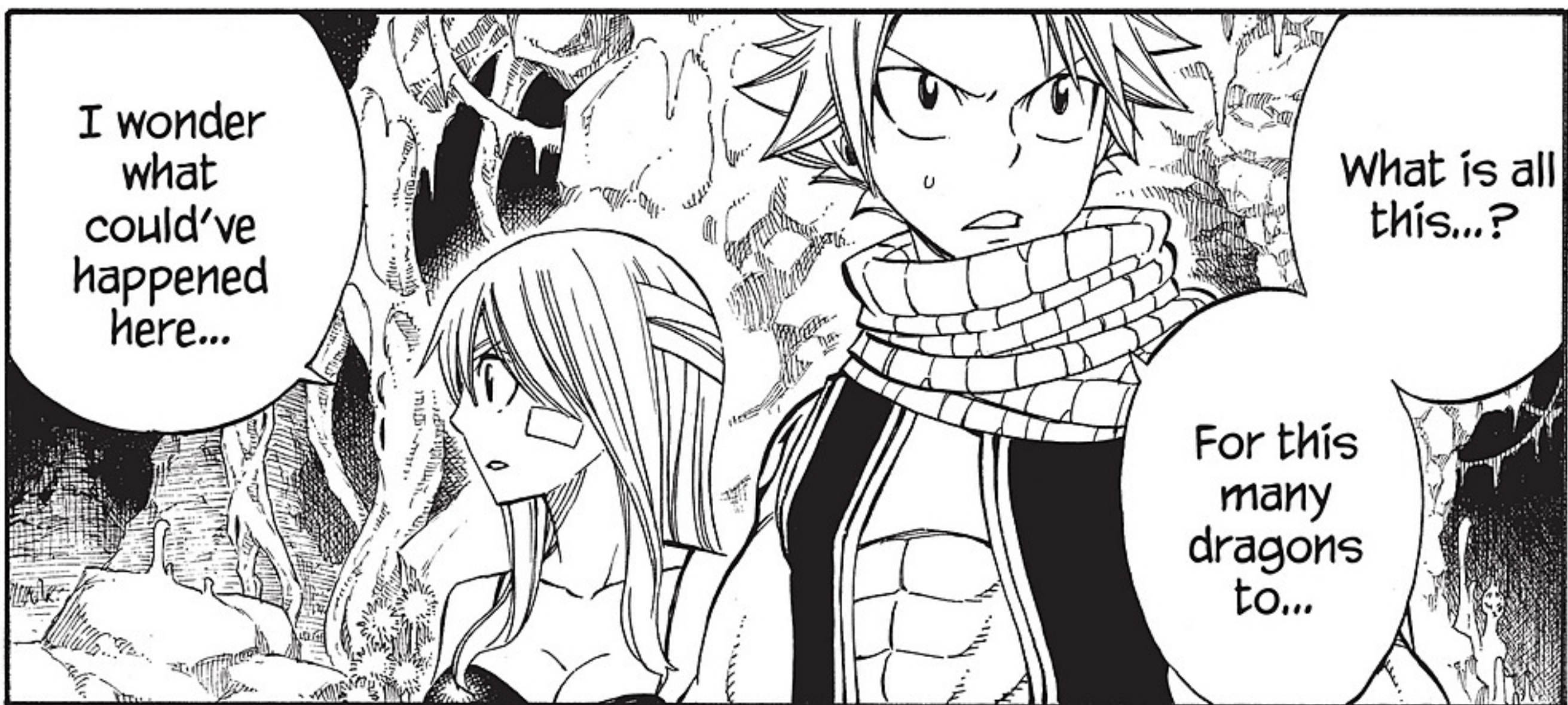


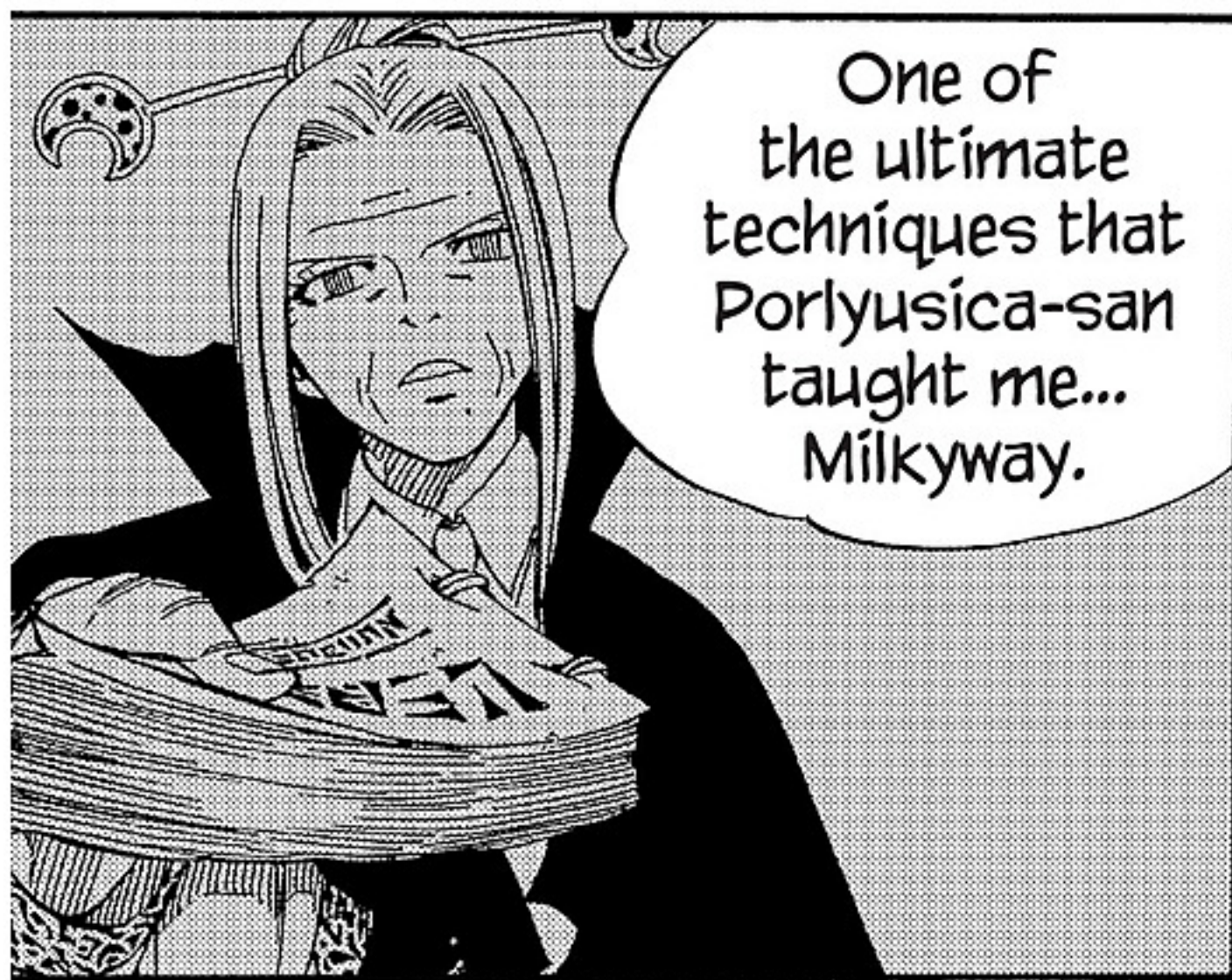




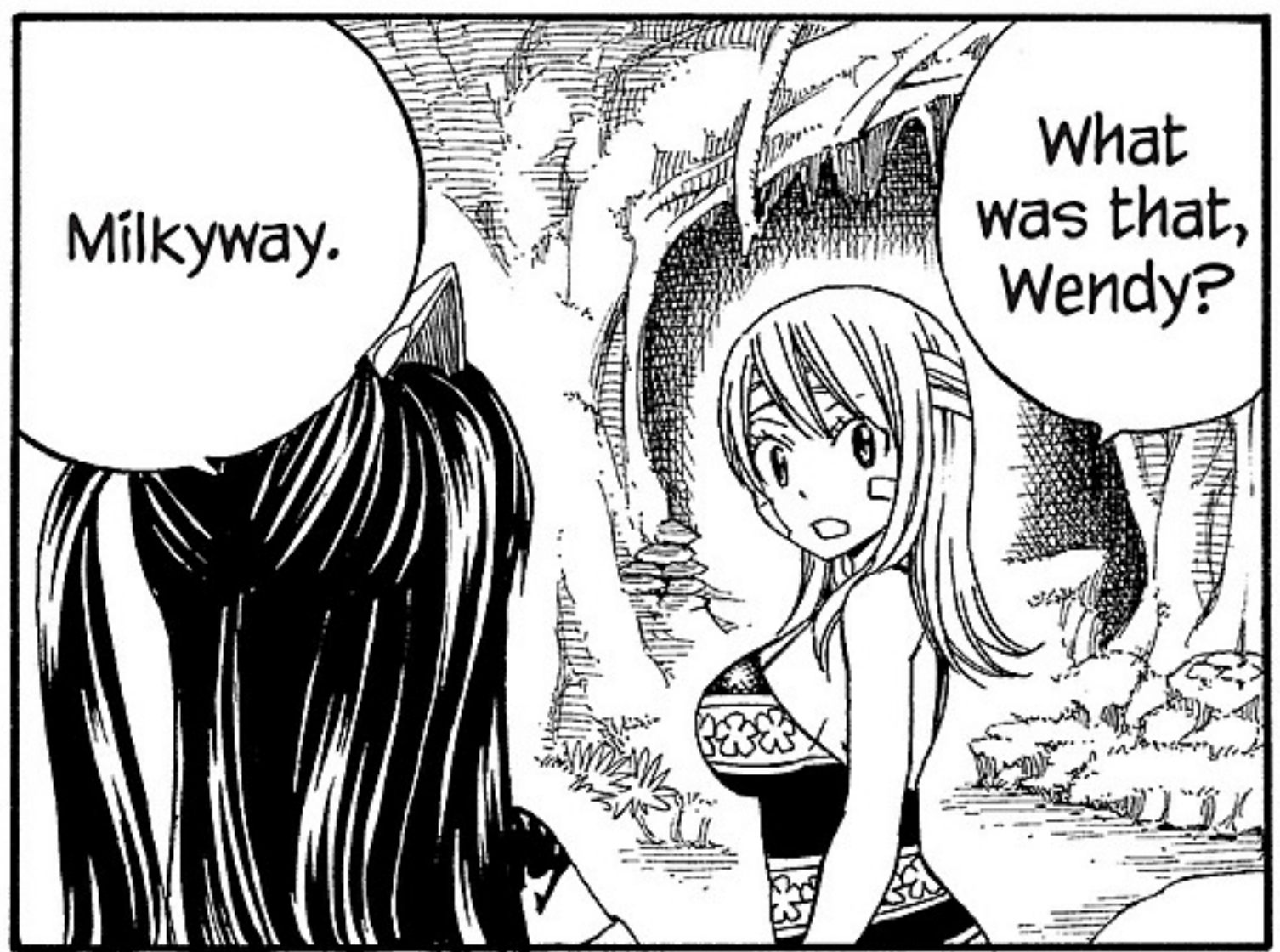








One of
the ultimate
techniques that
Porlyusica-san
taught me...
Milkyway.



Milkyway.

What
was that,
Wendy?



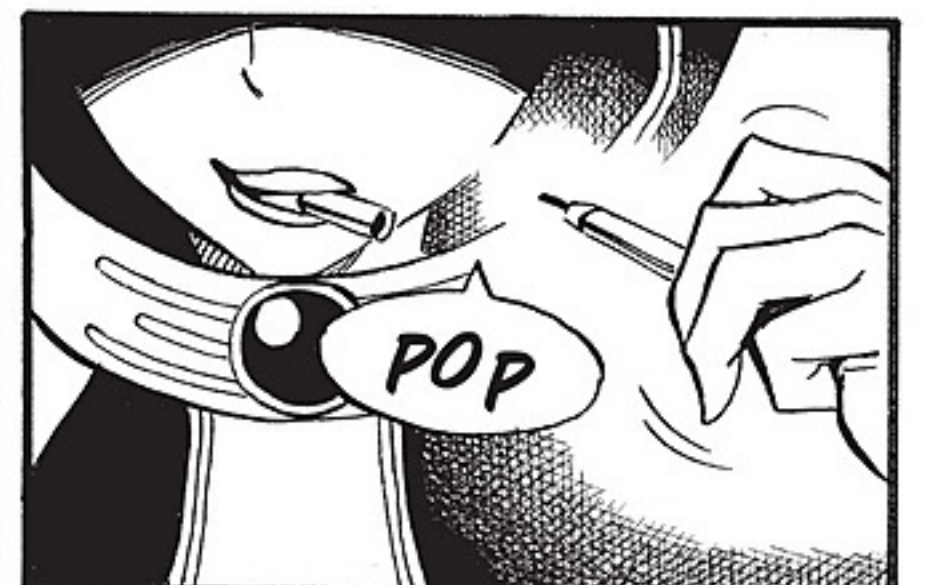
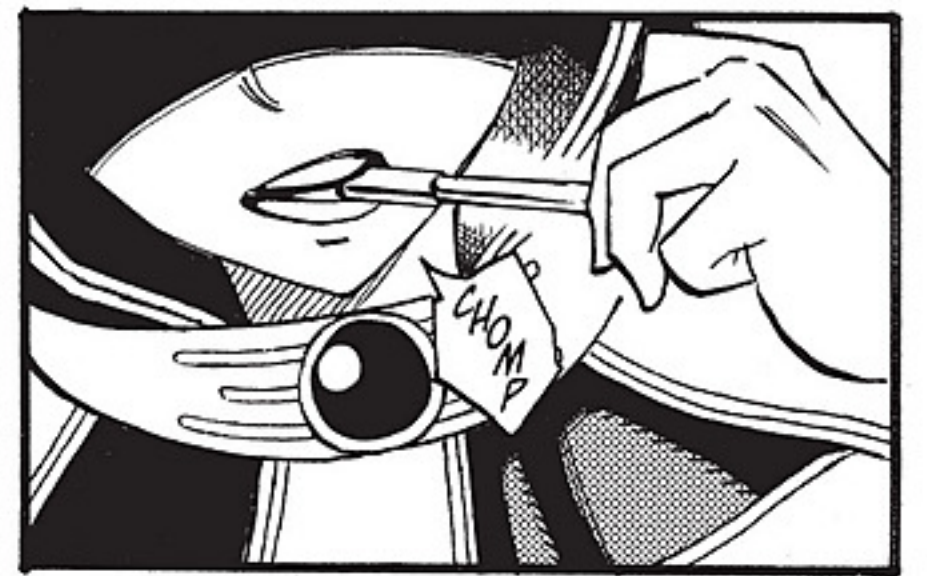
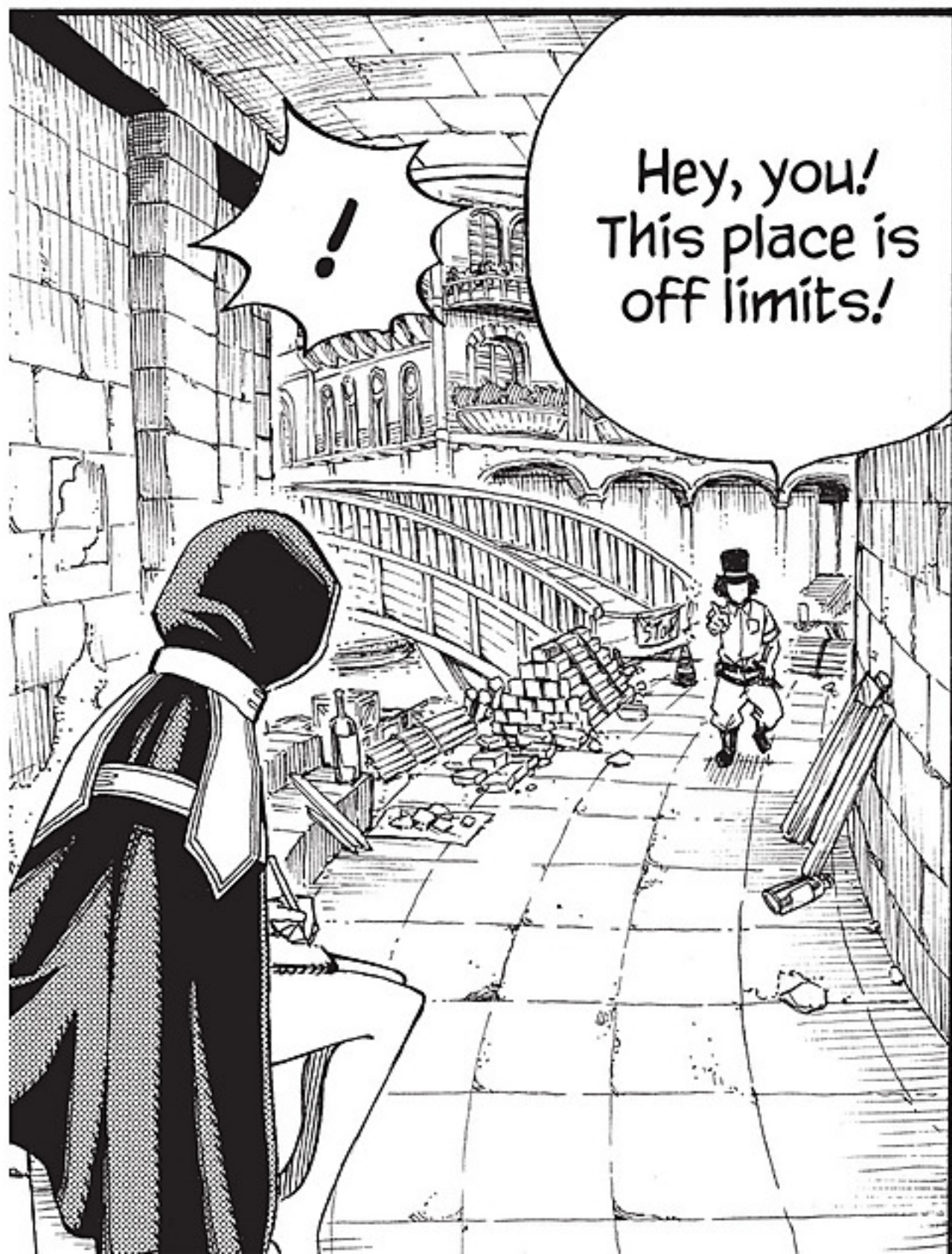
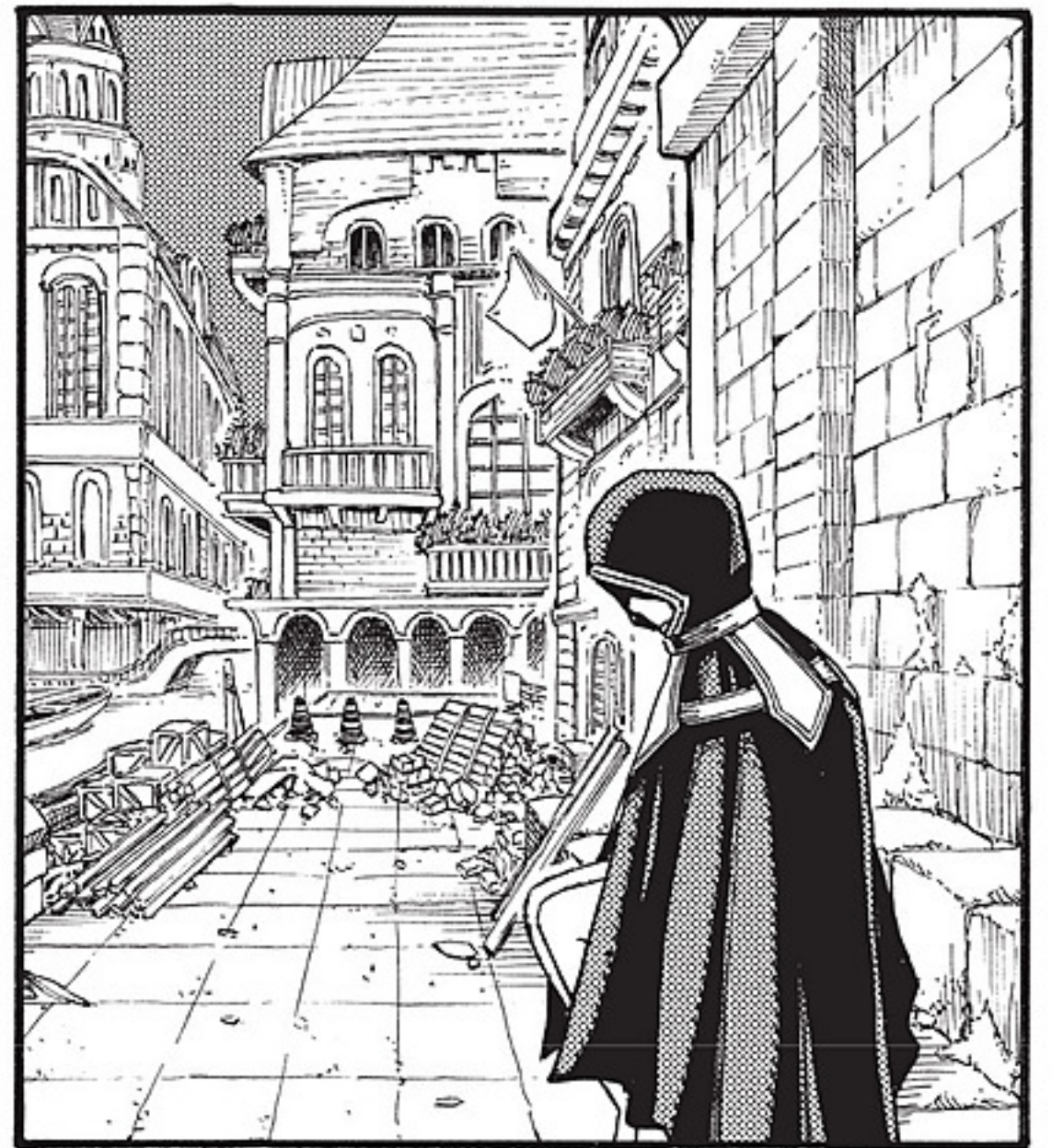
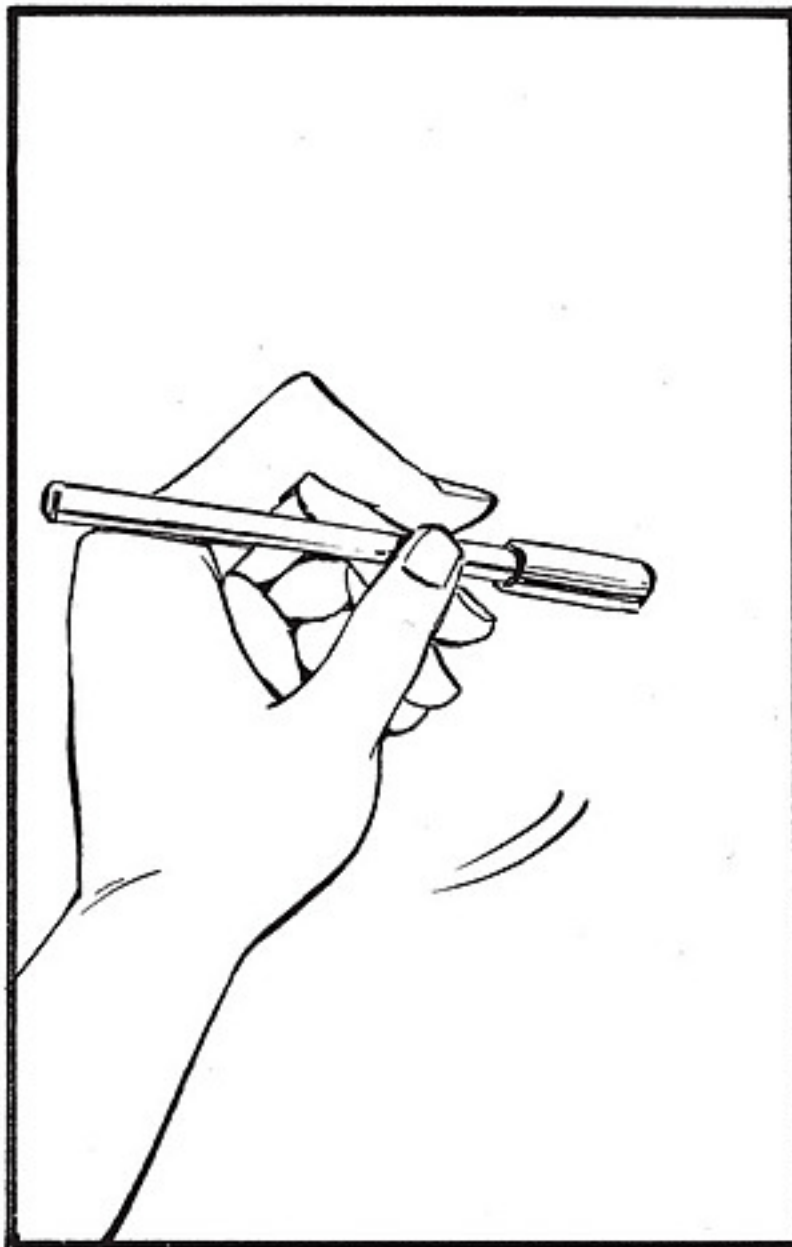
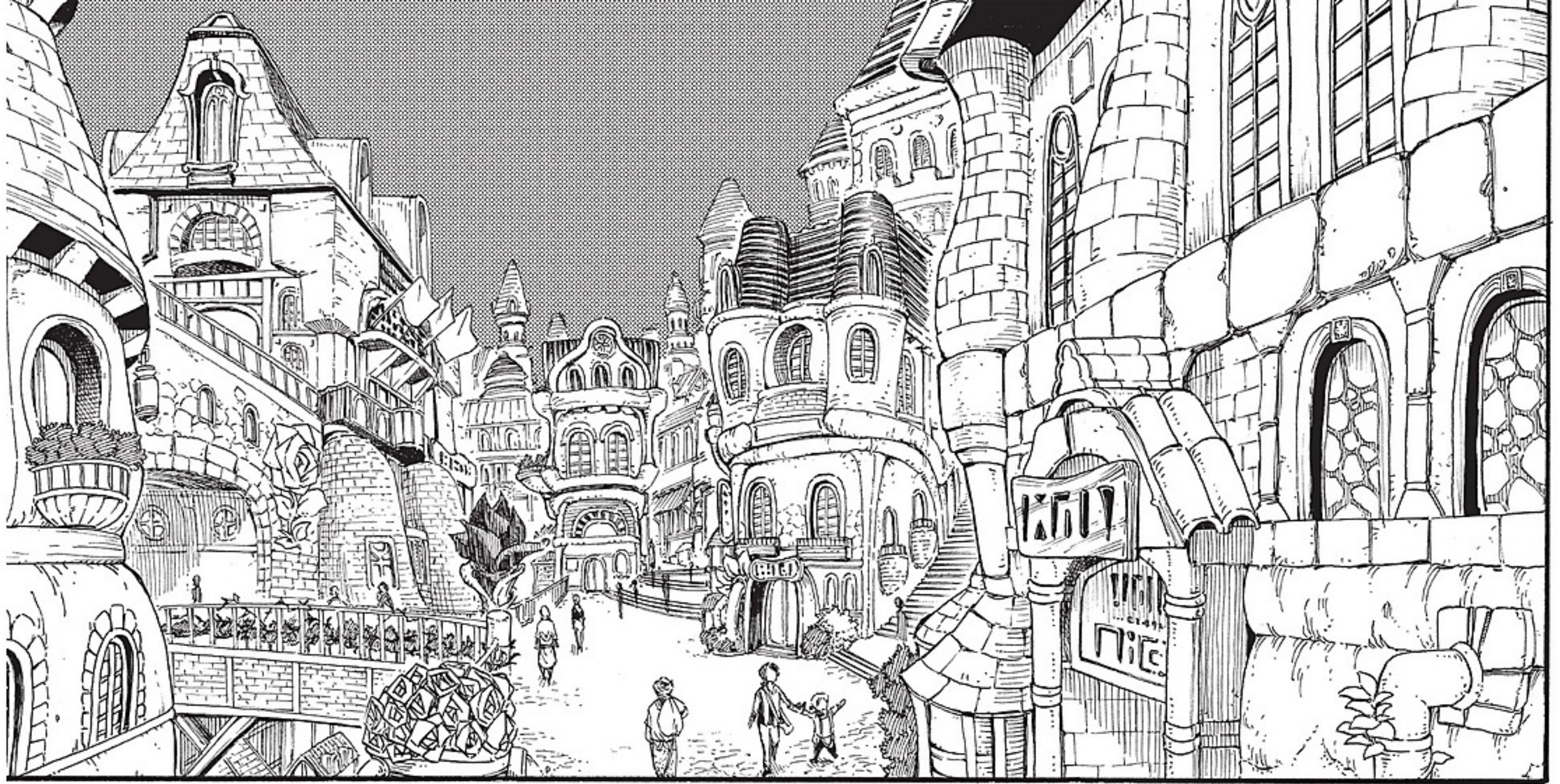
...it's
possible that
this is its
purpose.

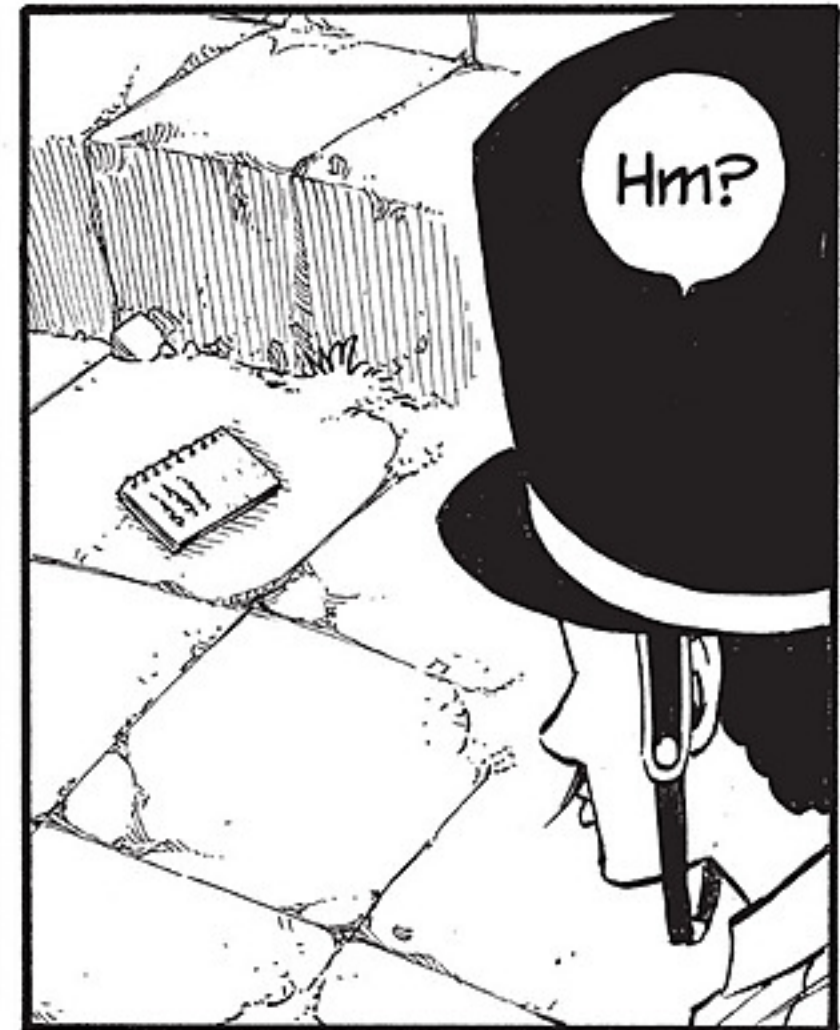
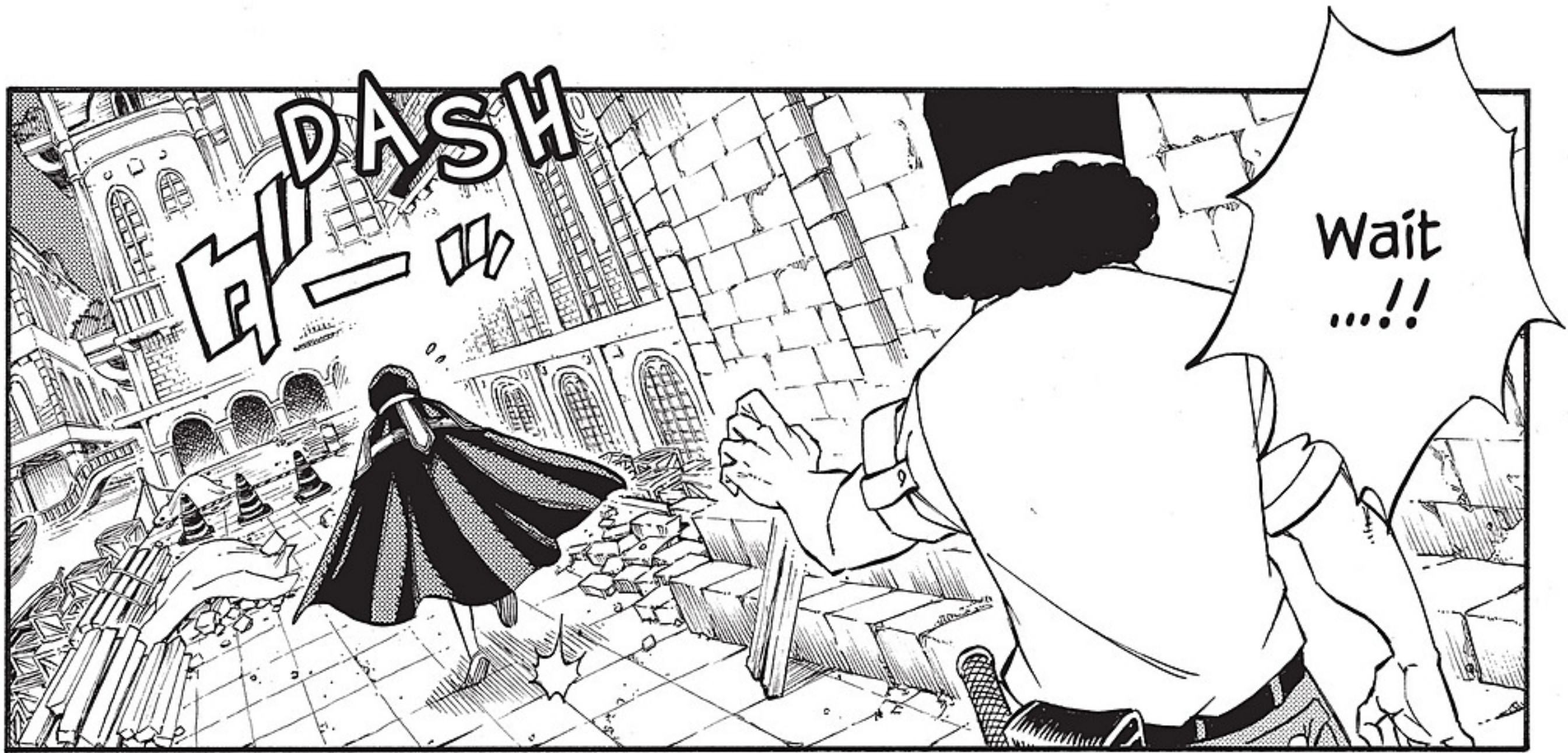


It calls upon
the voices
of dragon
souls as they
flow with the
heavenly
river.

Up till now,
I thought
for sure
it was an
attack,
but...







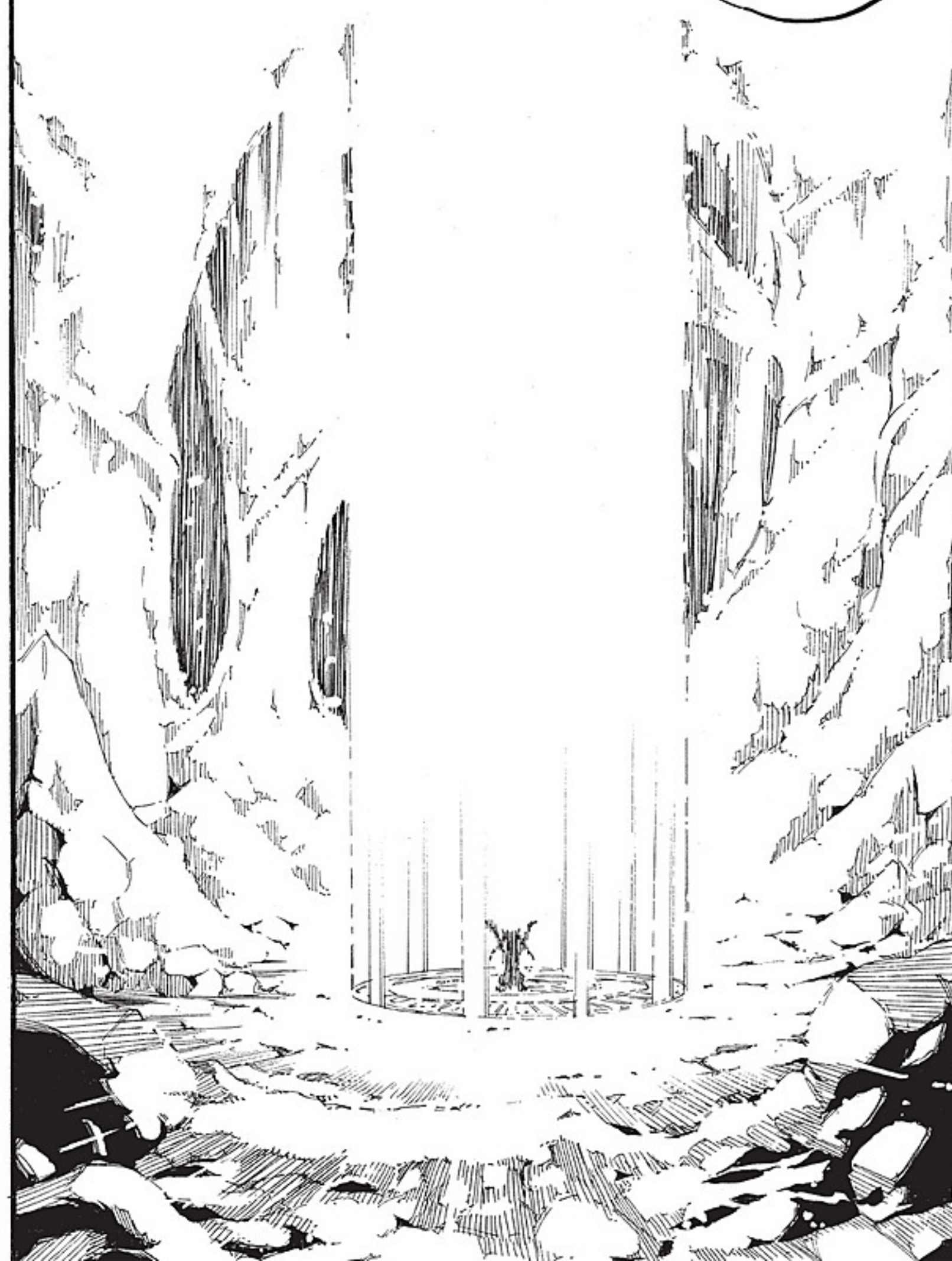
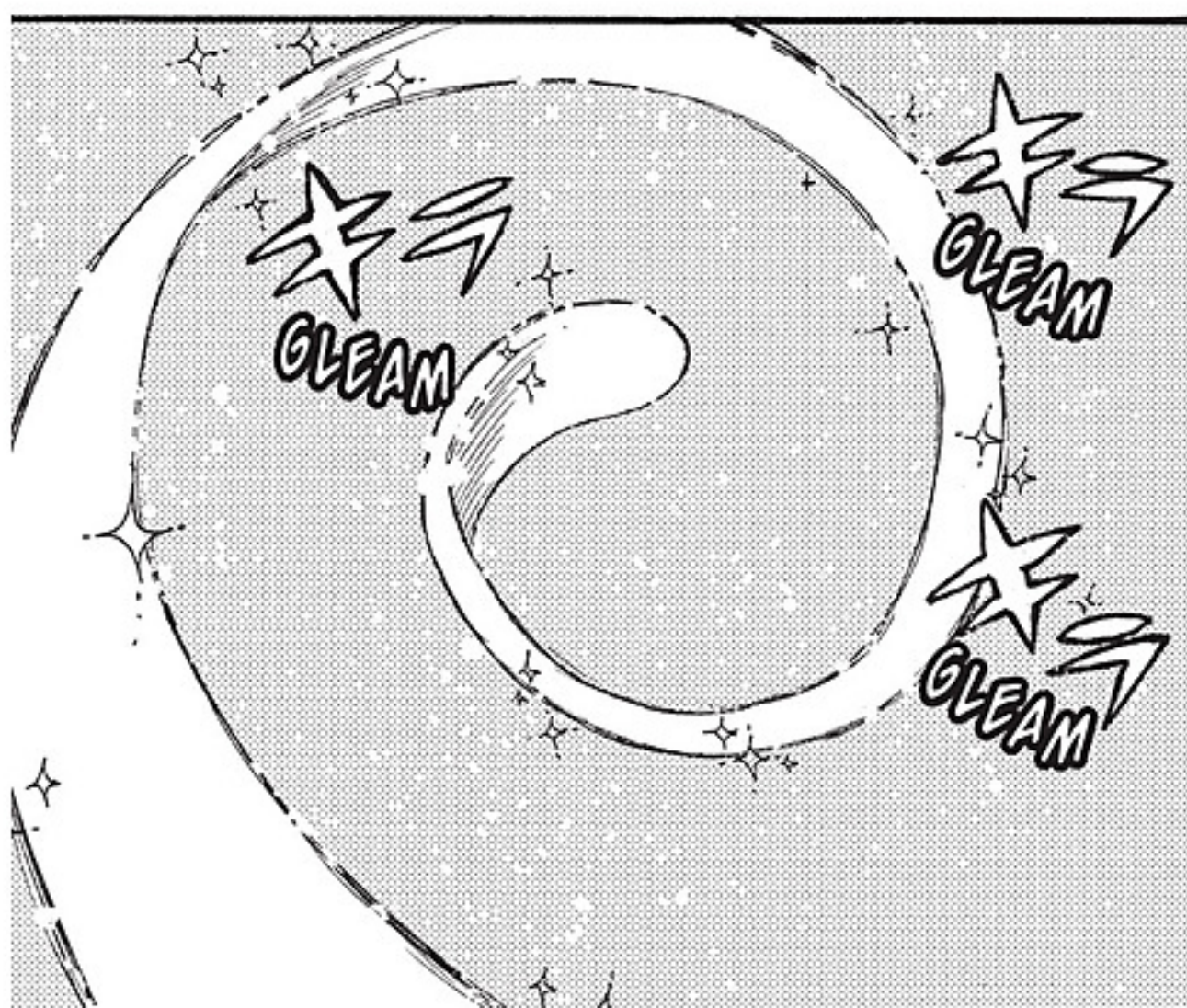
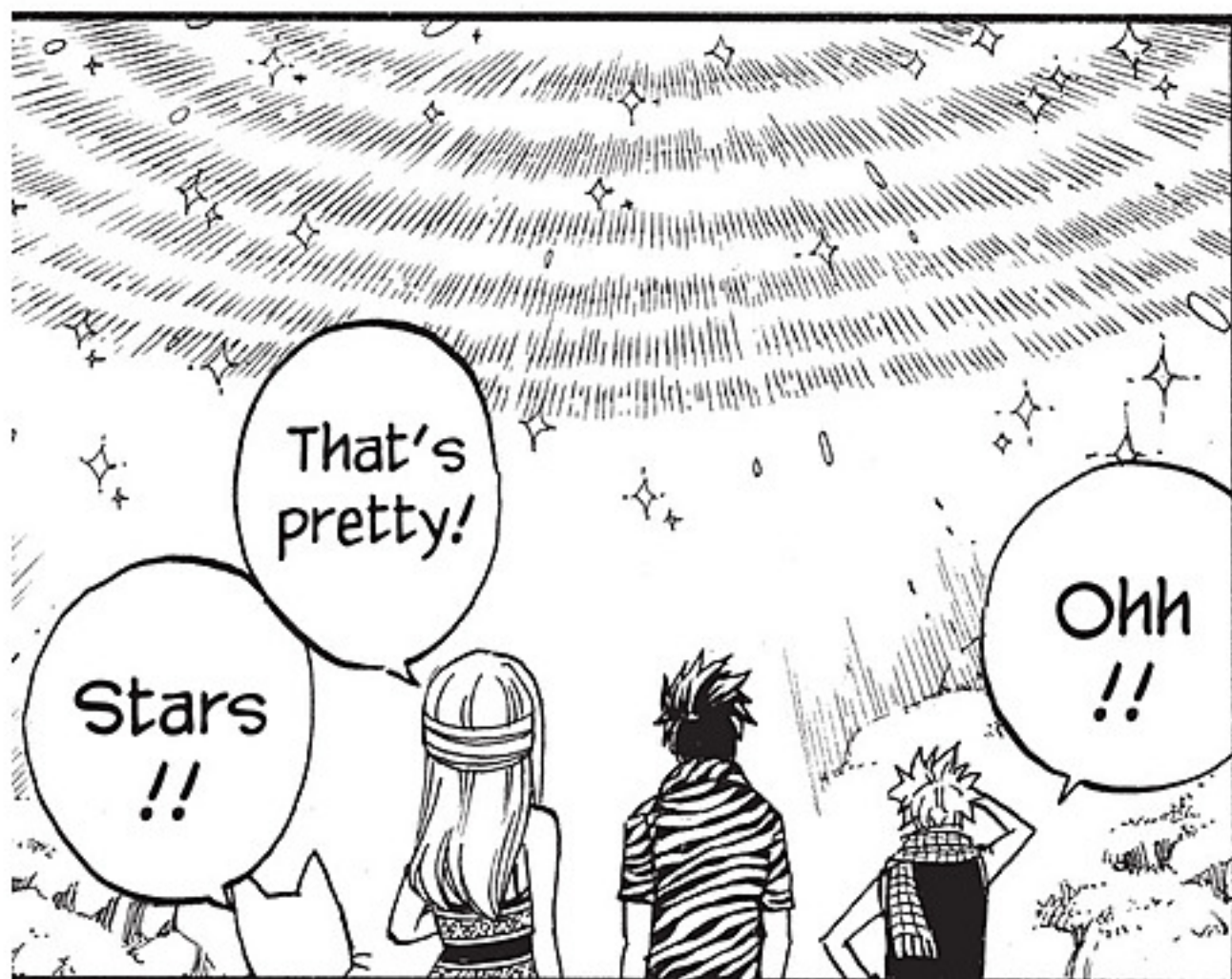
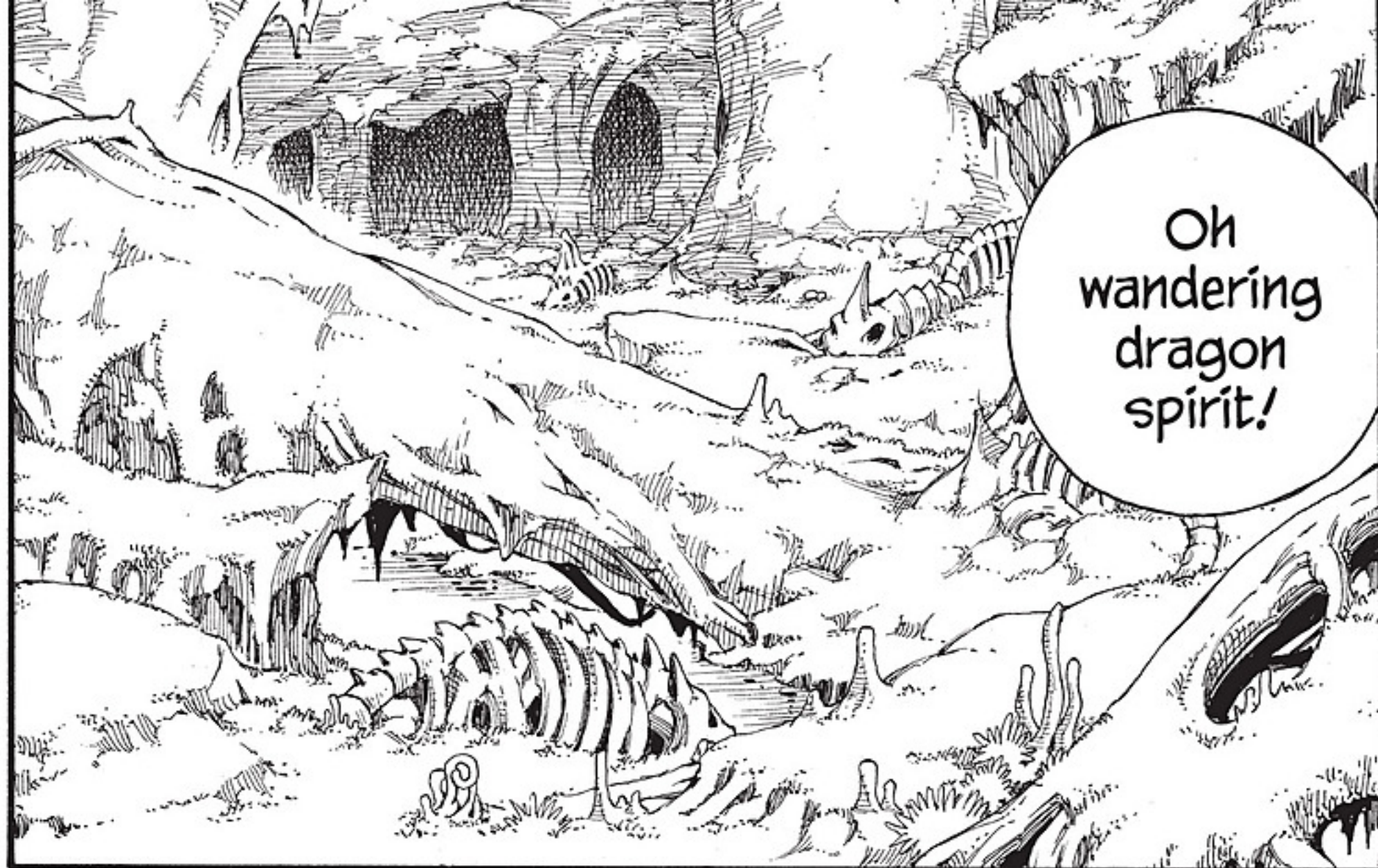
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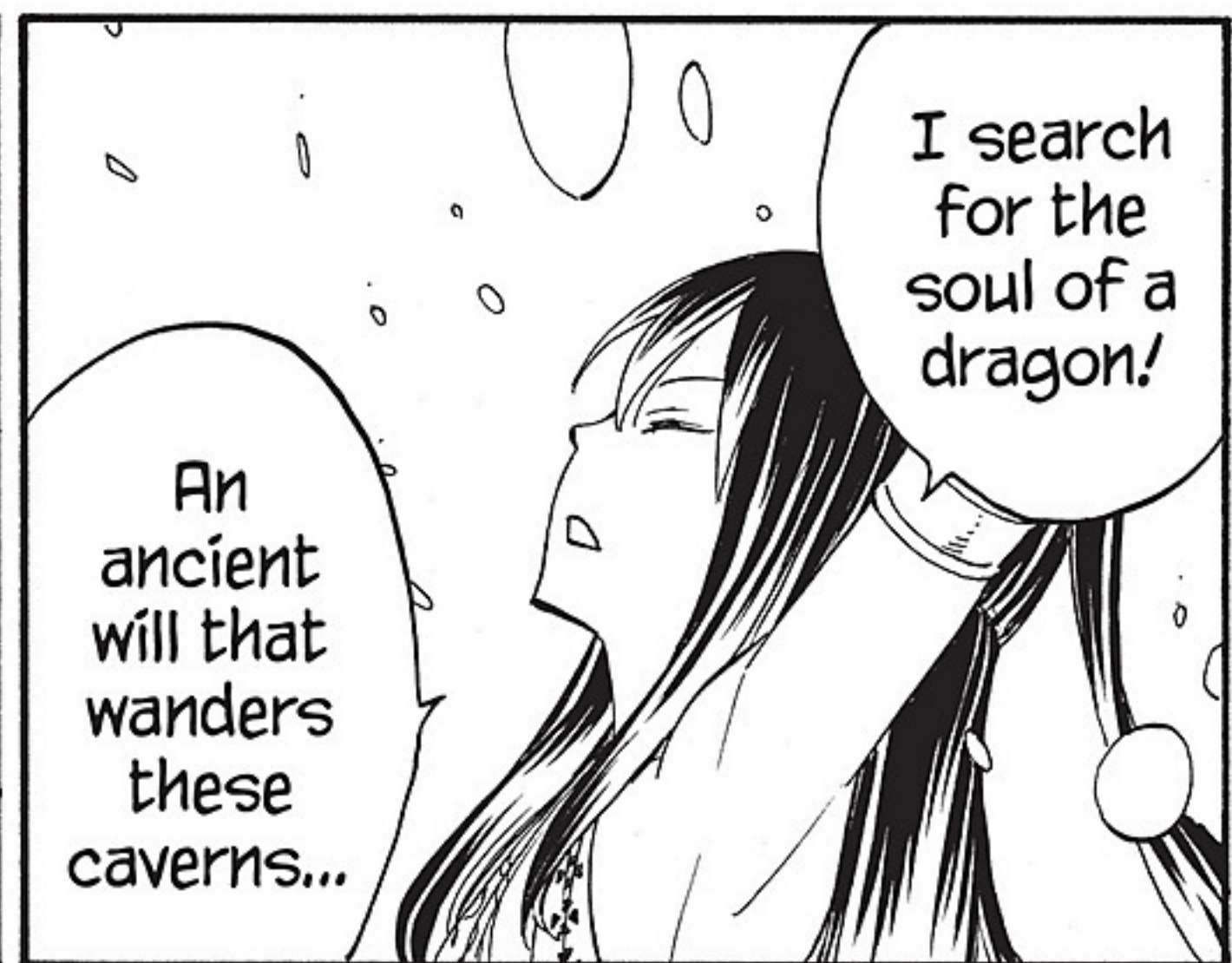
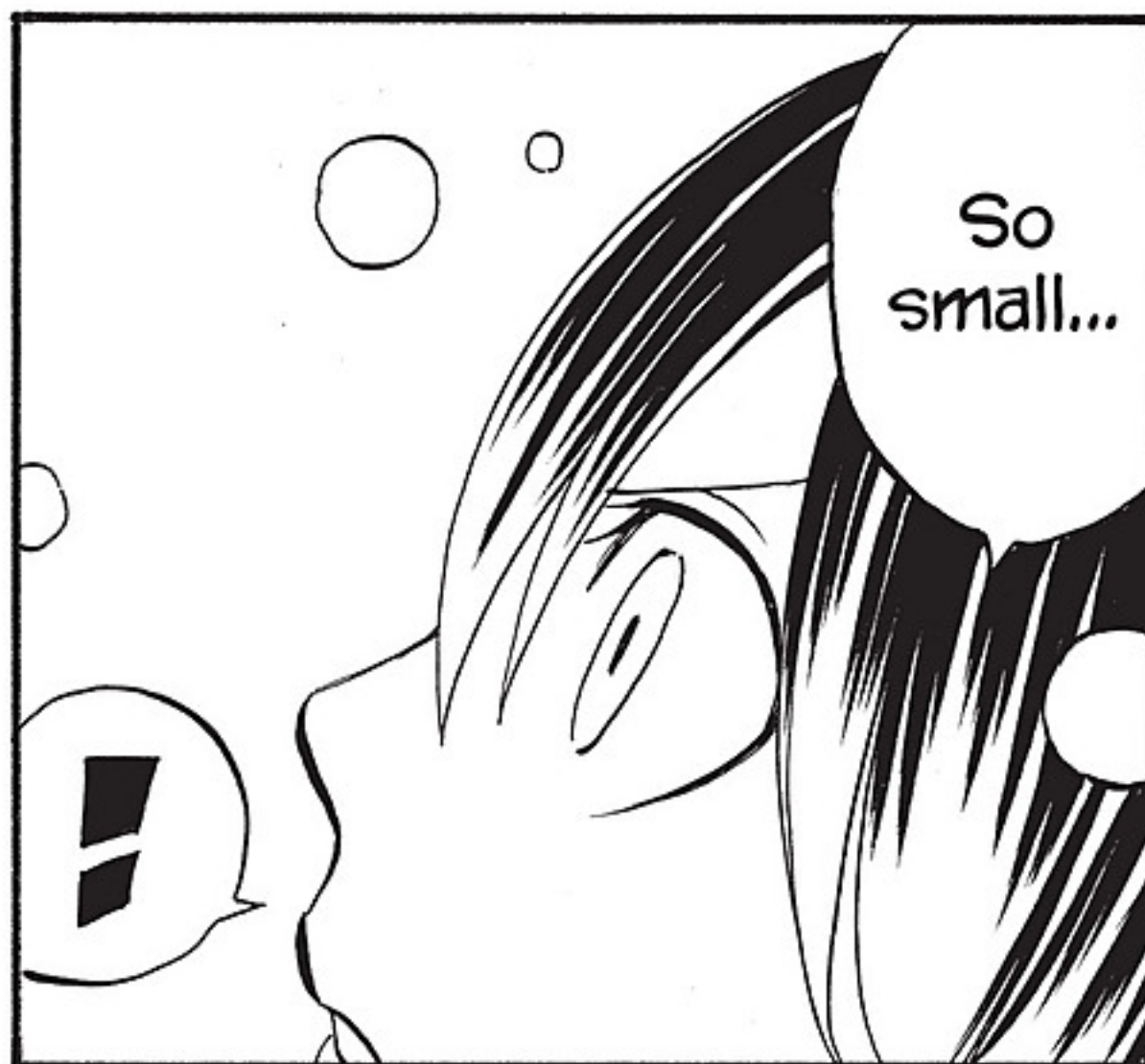
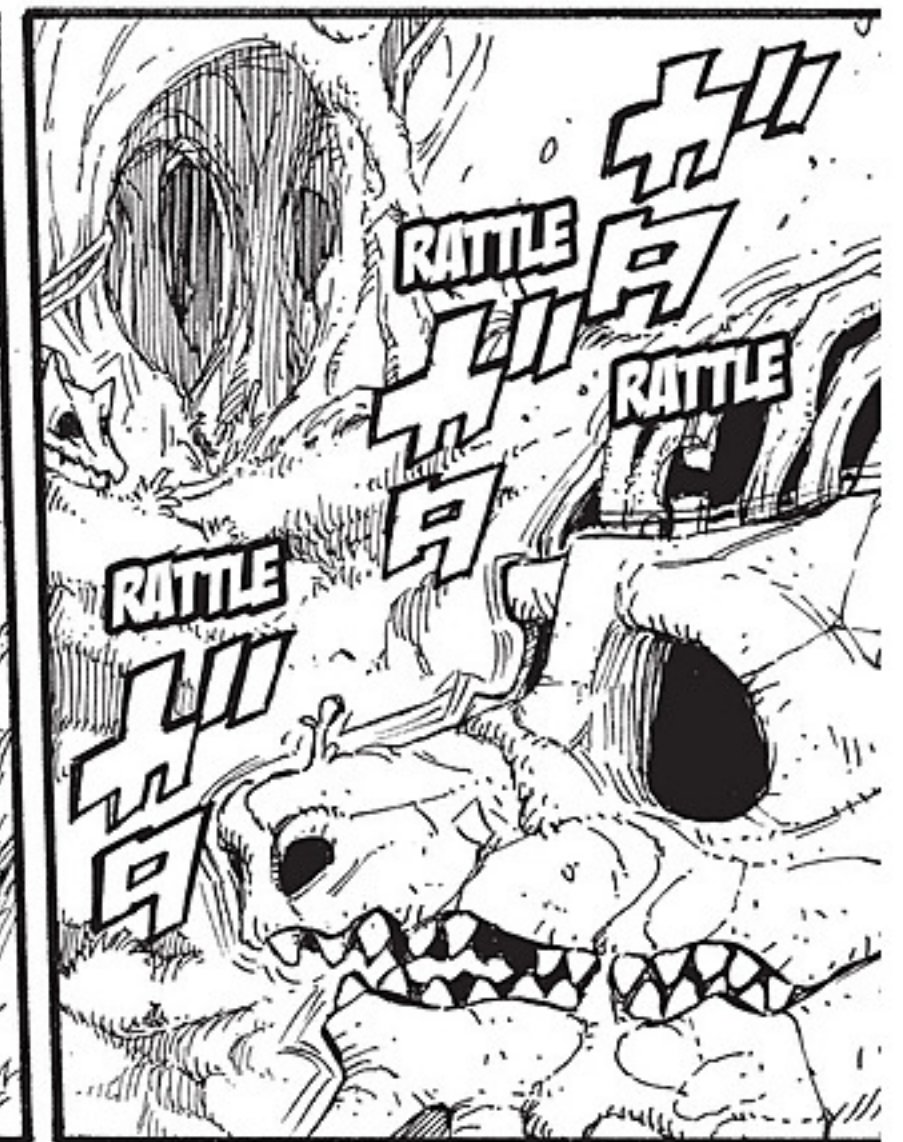
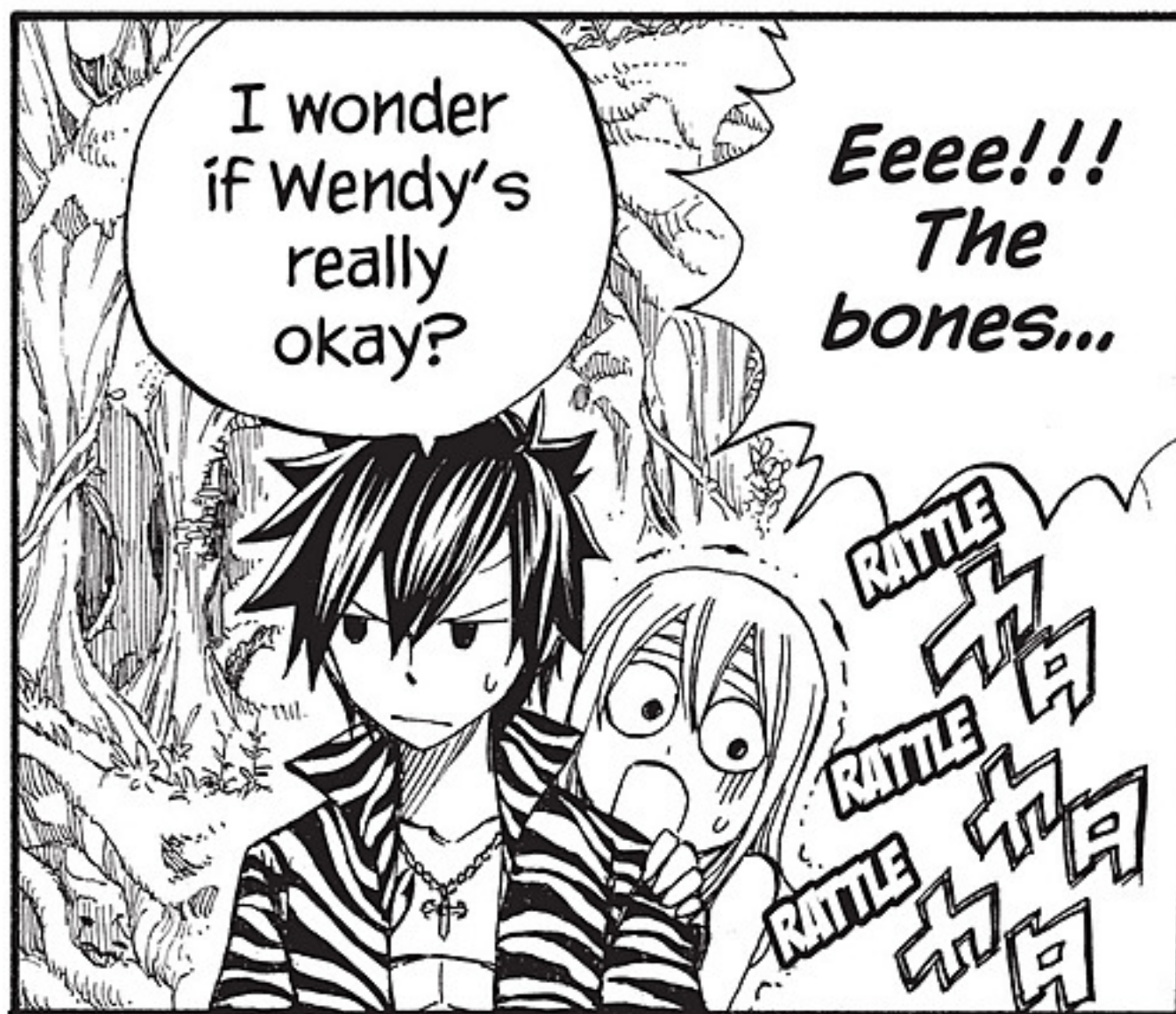
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Chapter 301: The Dragon King



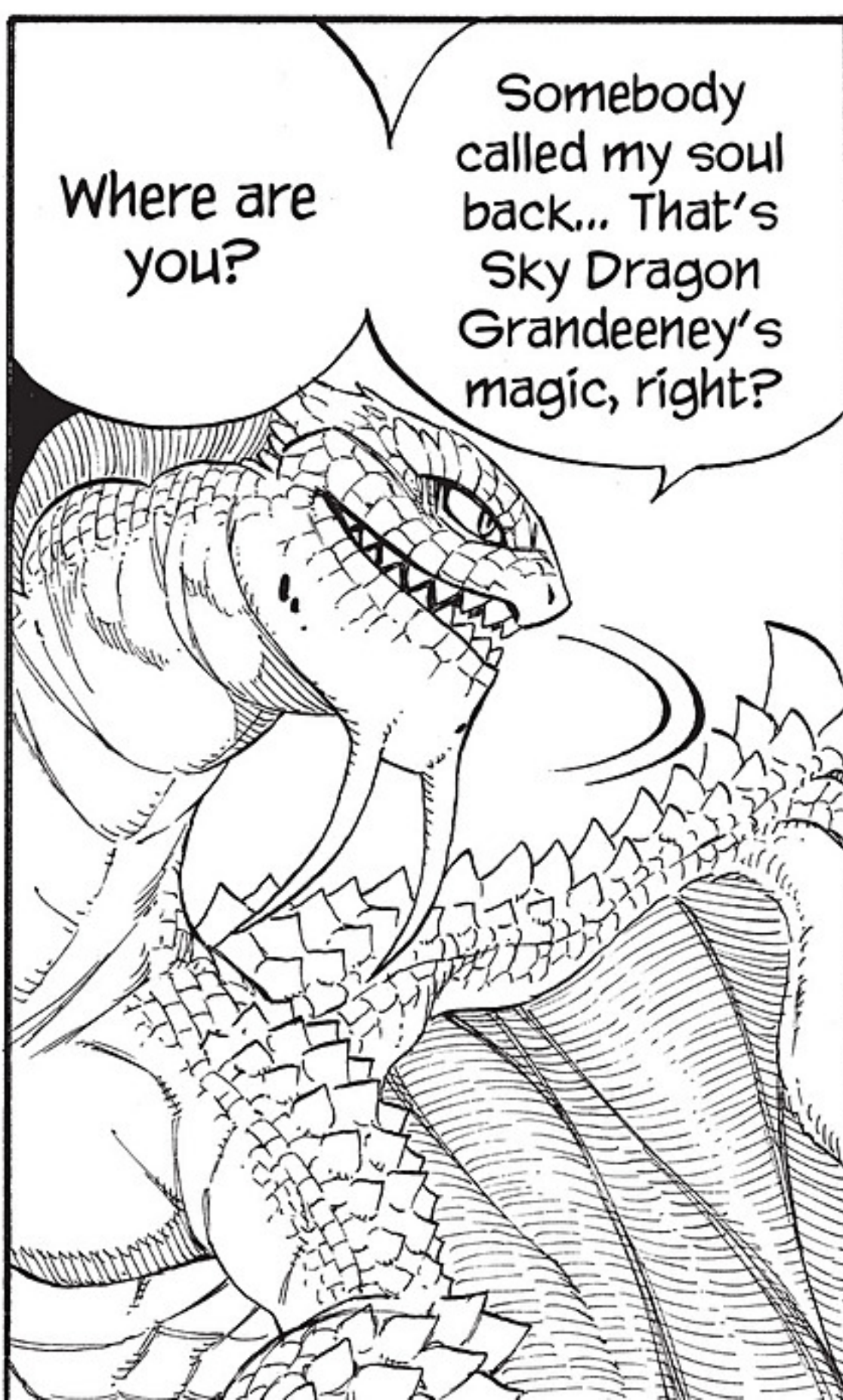
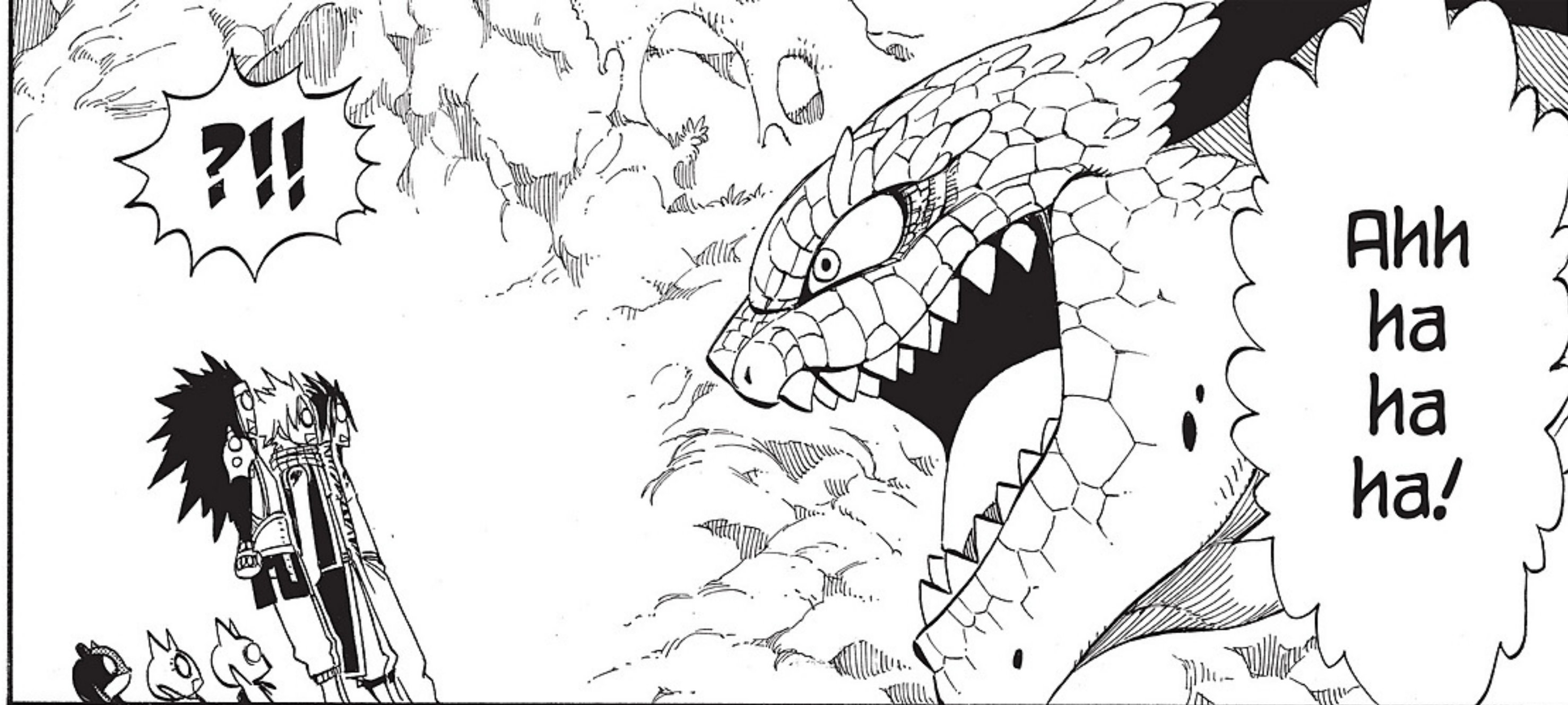














Hey!! Watch
it!! Stay
away from
Wendy!!!

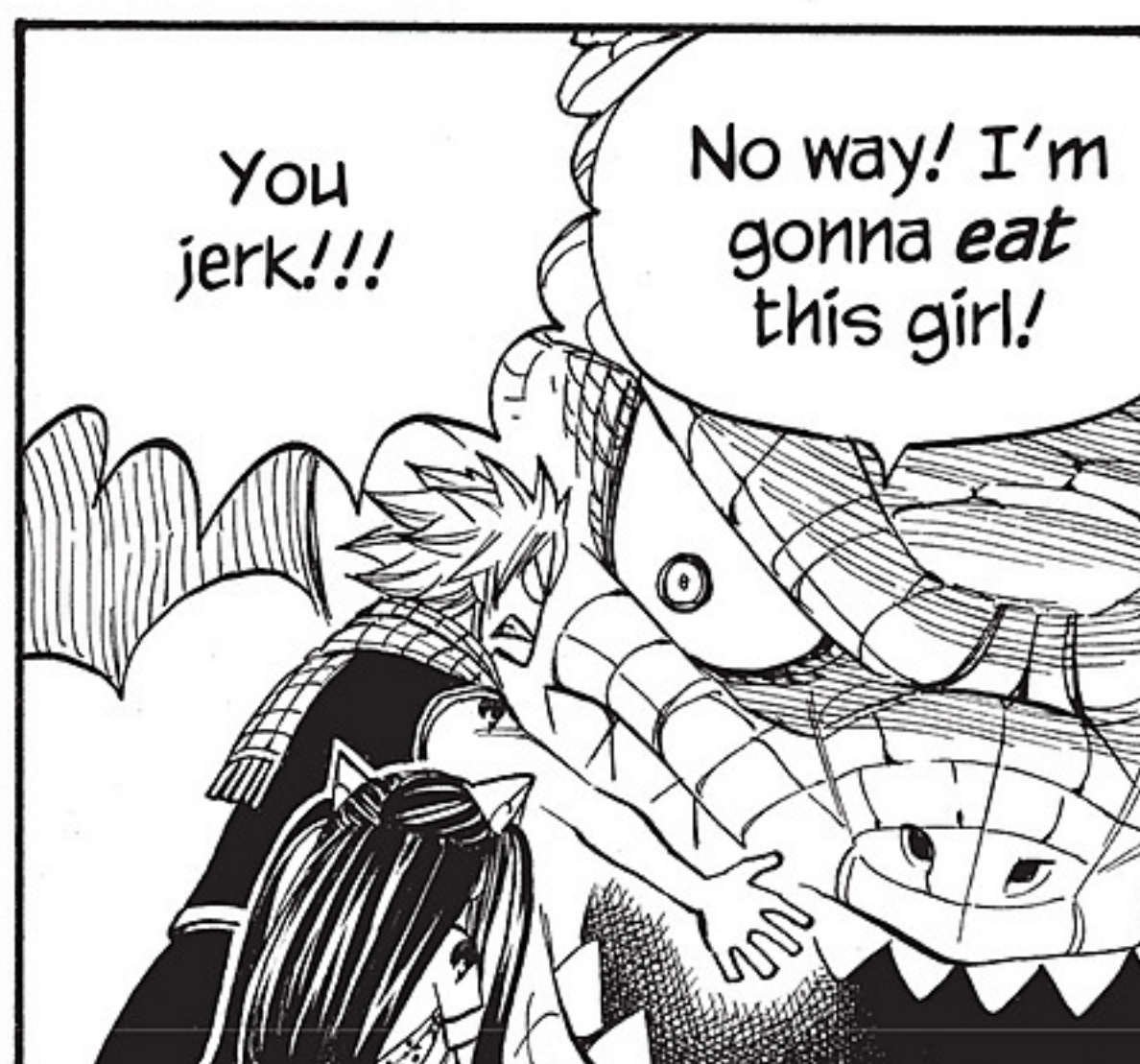
Such a
cutie!! Did
such a tiny
dragon slayer
manage to
revive me?!



You
big...

Look at me!!
How's a ghost
supposed to
eat anyone?!
Ah ha ha ha!!

It was a
joke!!!
What'd you
expect?!
You humans
are so
stupid!!!!



You
jerk!!!

No way! I'm
gonna *eat*
this girl!



**YOU JUST
SAID ALL
THAT!**

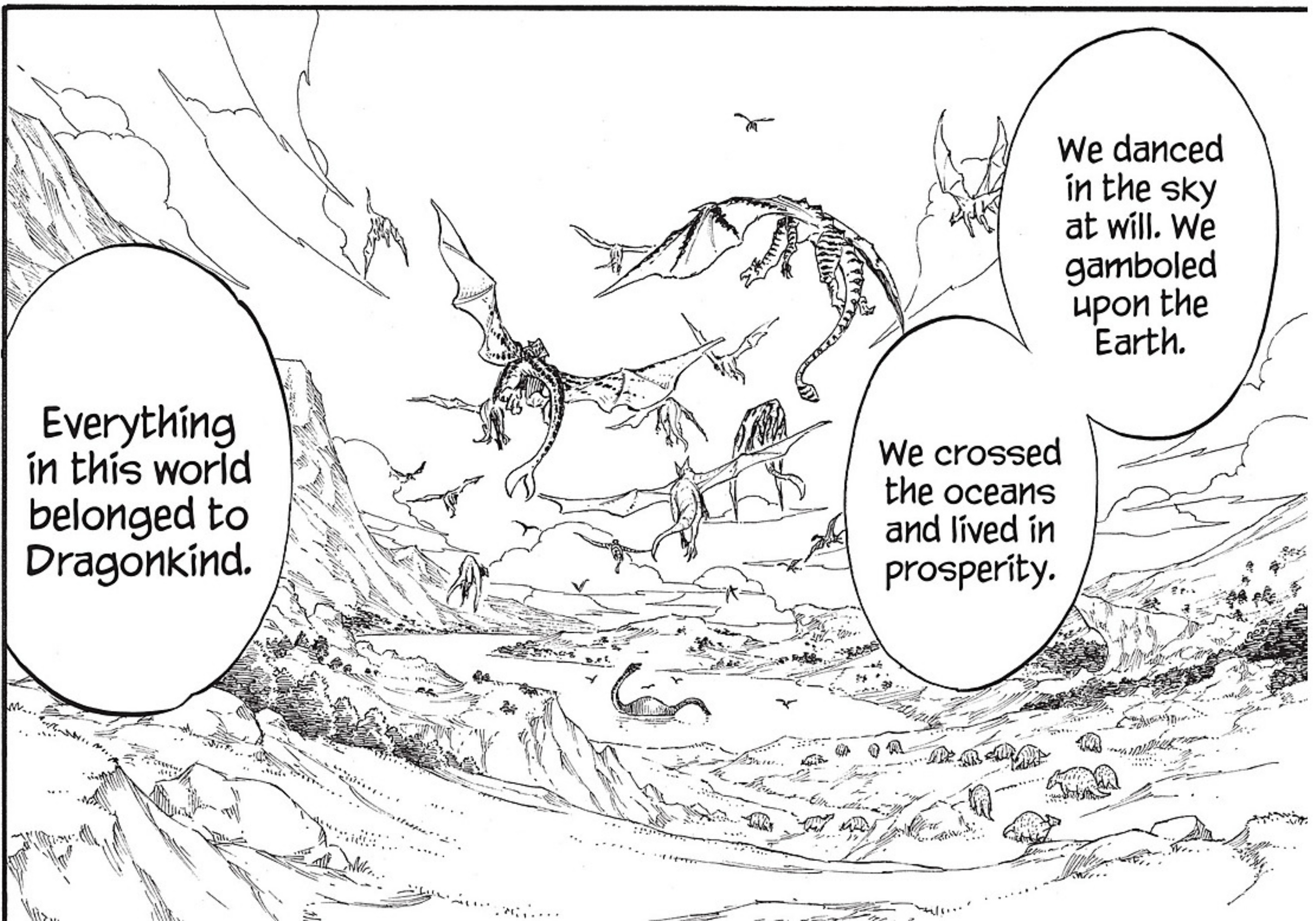
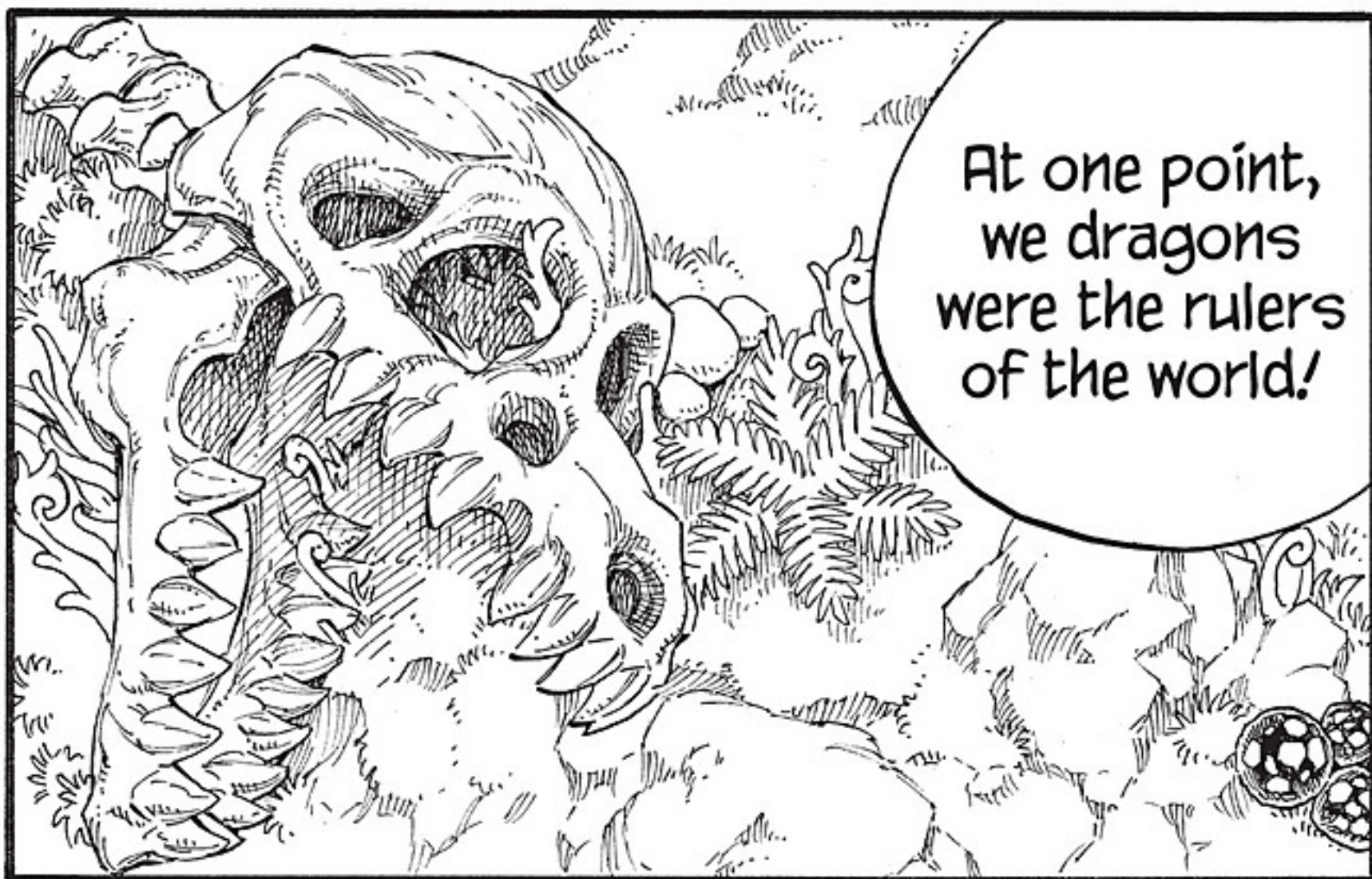
Let's be
specific! I
am Zirconis,
the Jade
Dragon!

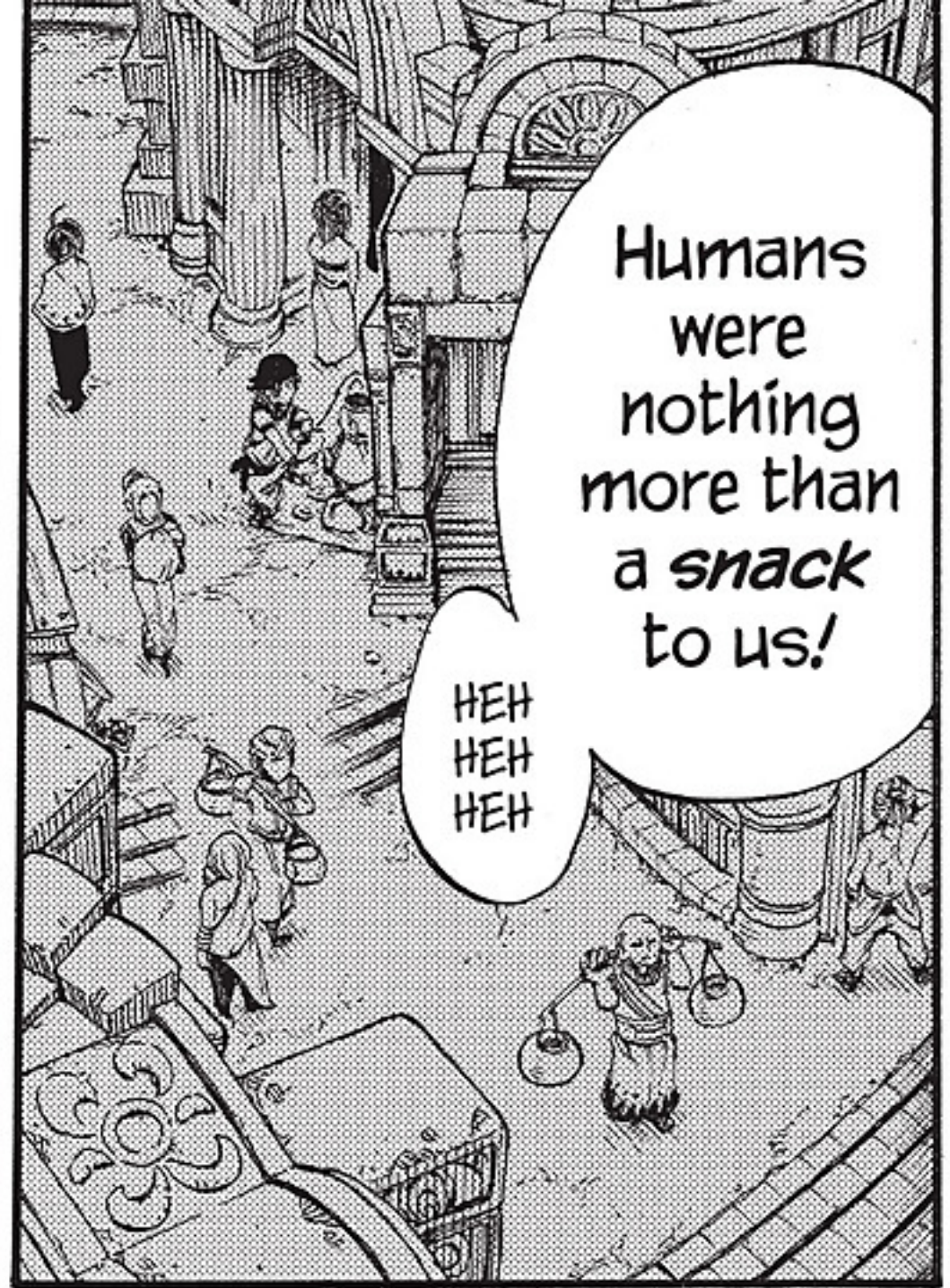
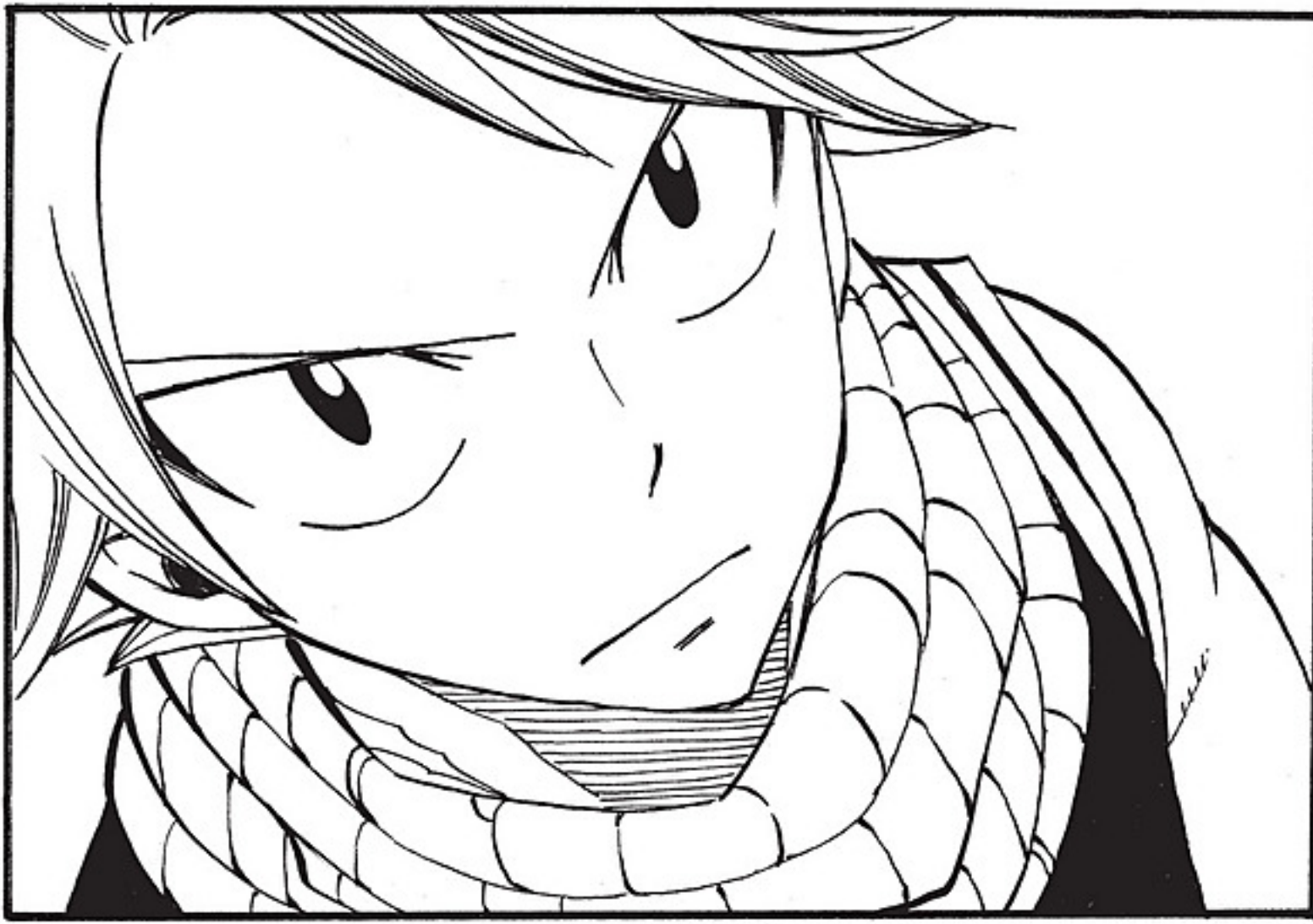


Not
even
that. A
ghost, I
guess.

Not a
"guy." A
dragon.

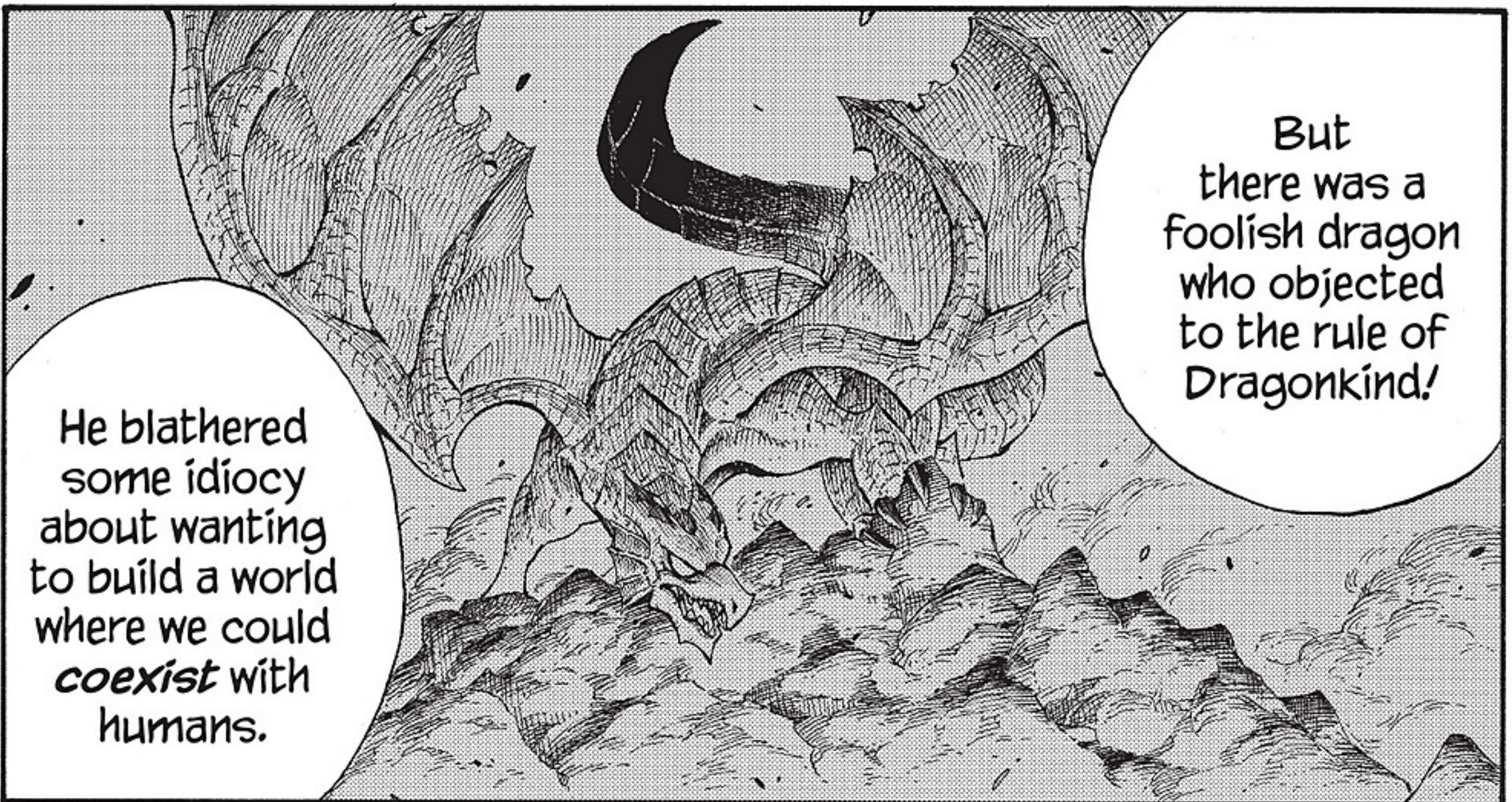
So this
guy's a...
prankster?





Humans
were
nothing
more than
a *snack*
to us!

HEH
HEH
HEH



He blathered
some idiocy
about wanting
to build a world
where we could
coexist with
humans.

But
there was a
foolish dragon
who objected
to the rule of
Dragonkind!



I fought
against him.

A war erupted
between the
dragons that
agreed with him,
and those who
opposed him.



Quiet!
You
annoying
little ant
!!!

So right
now, you're
talking
to your
food?!
HEH HEH HEH

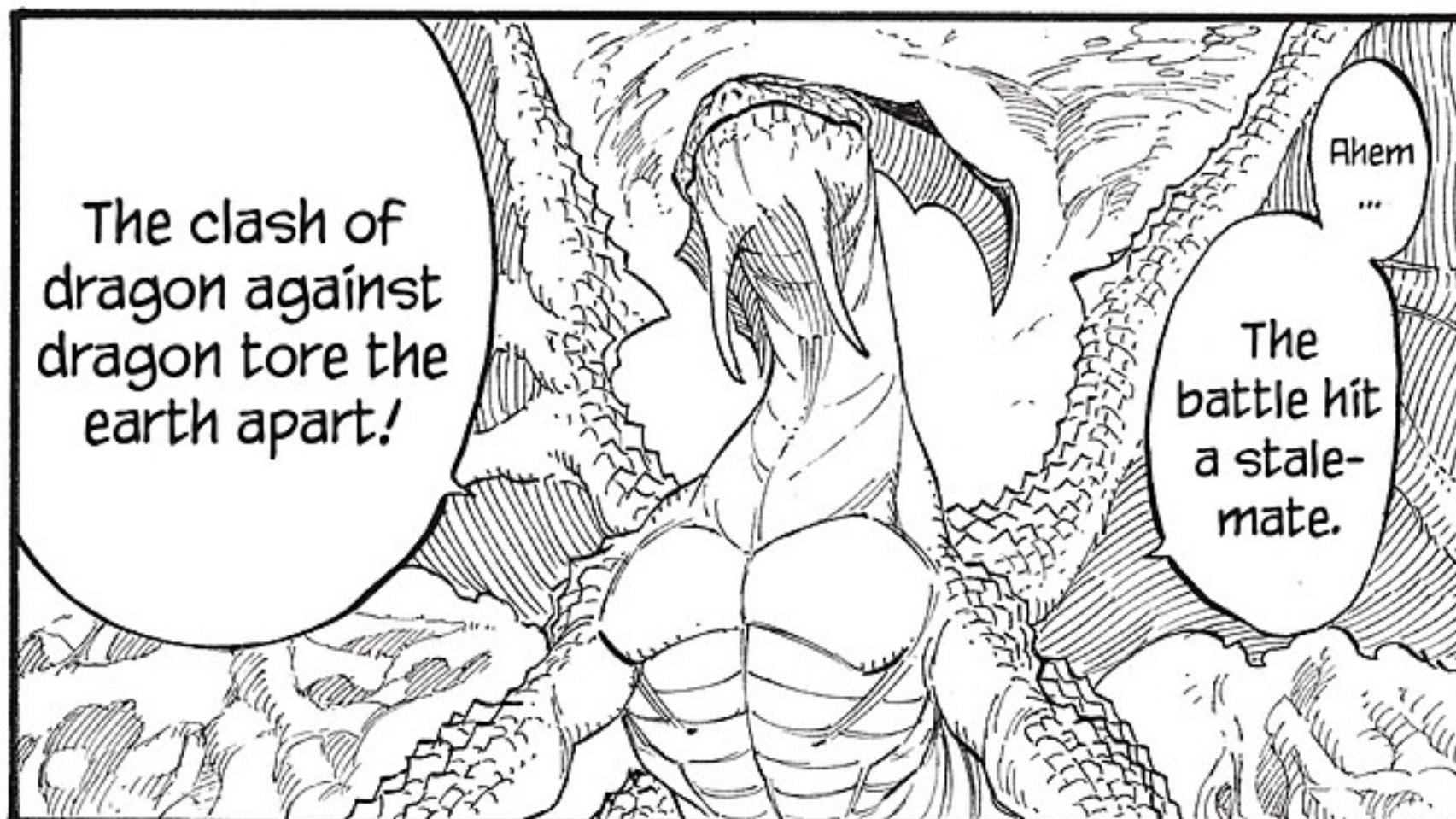


I can't
bring myself
to like
humans.

Well, as
dinner,
I think
they're
great!



Against...?
You mean...



The clash of
dragon against
dragon tore the
earth apart!

Ahem
...

The
battle hit
a stale-
mate.



So...?
What
happened
with the
battle?

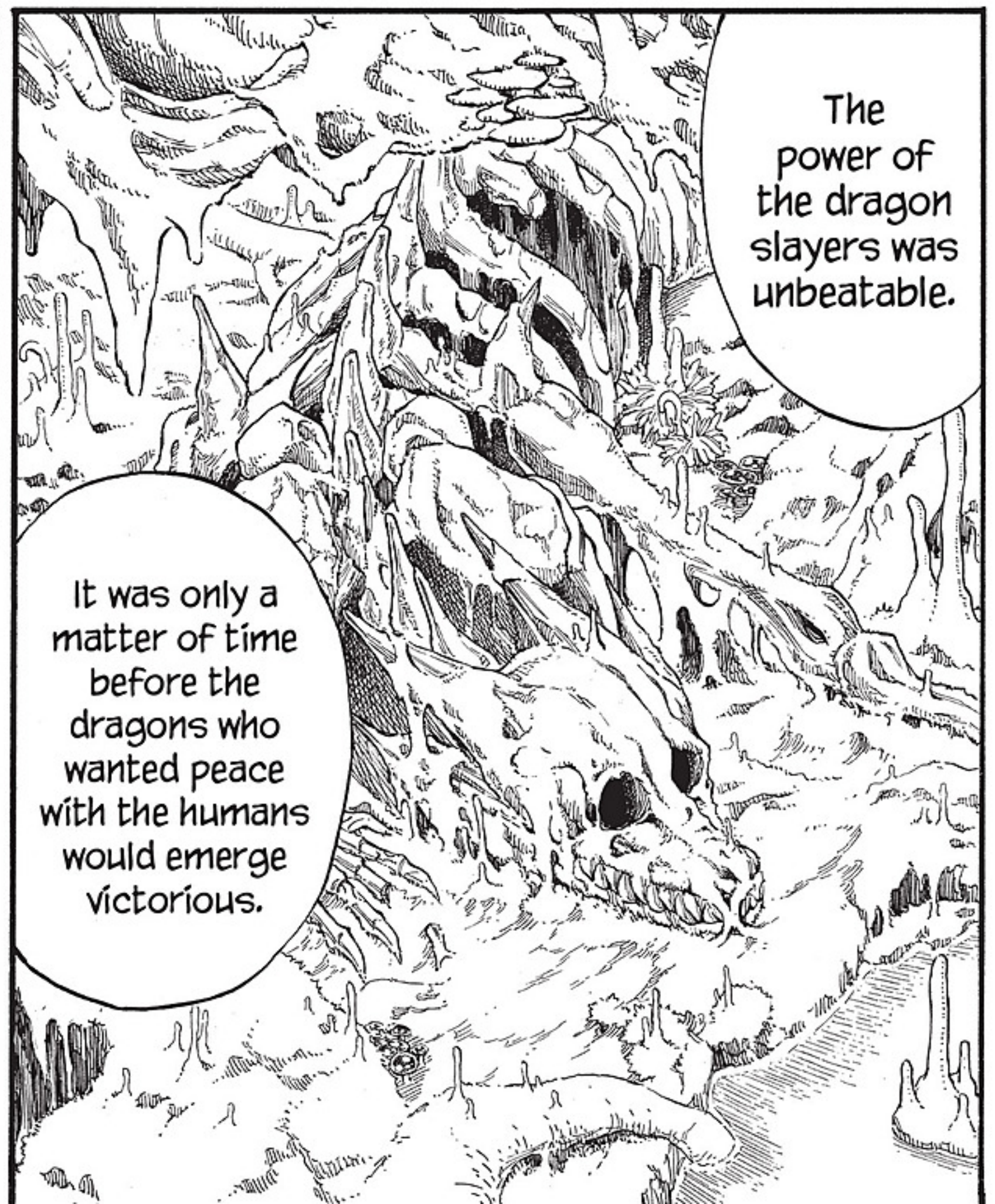
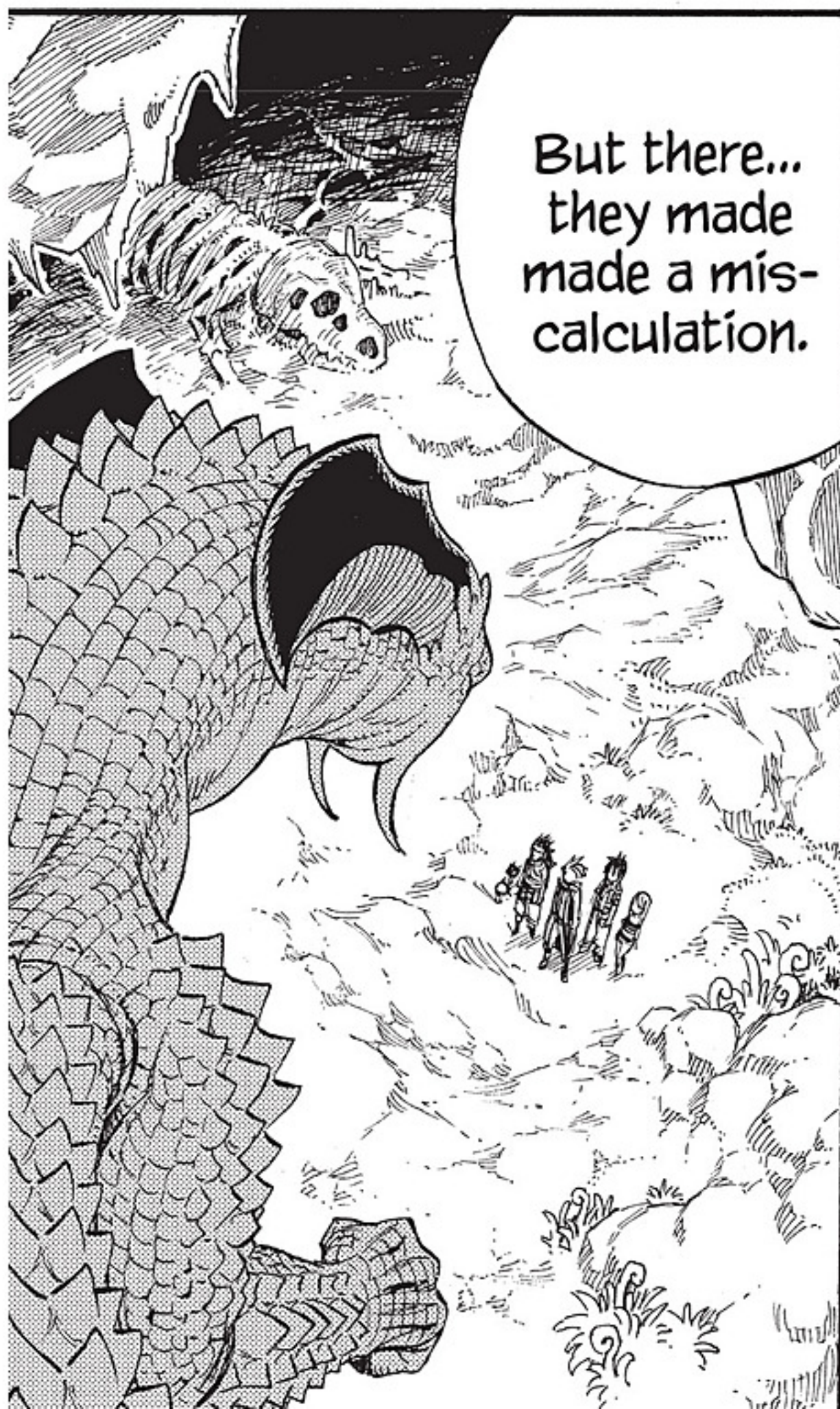
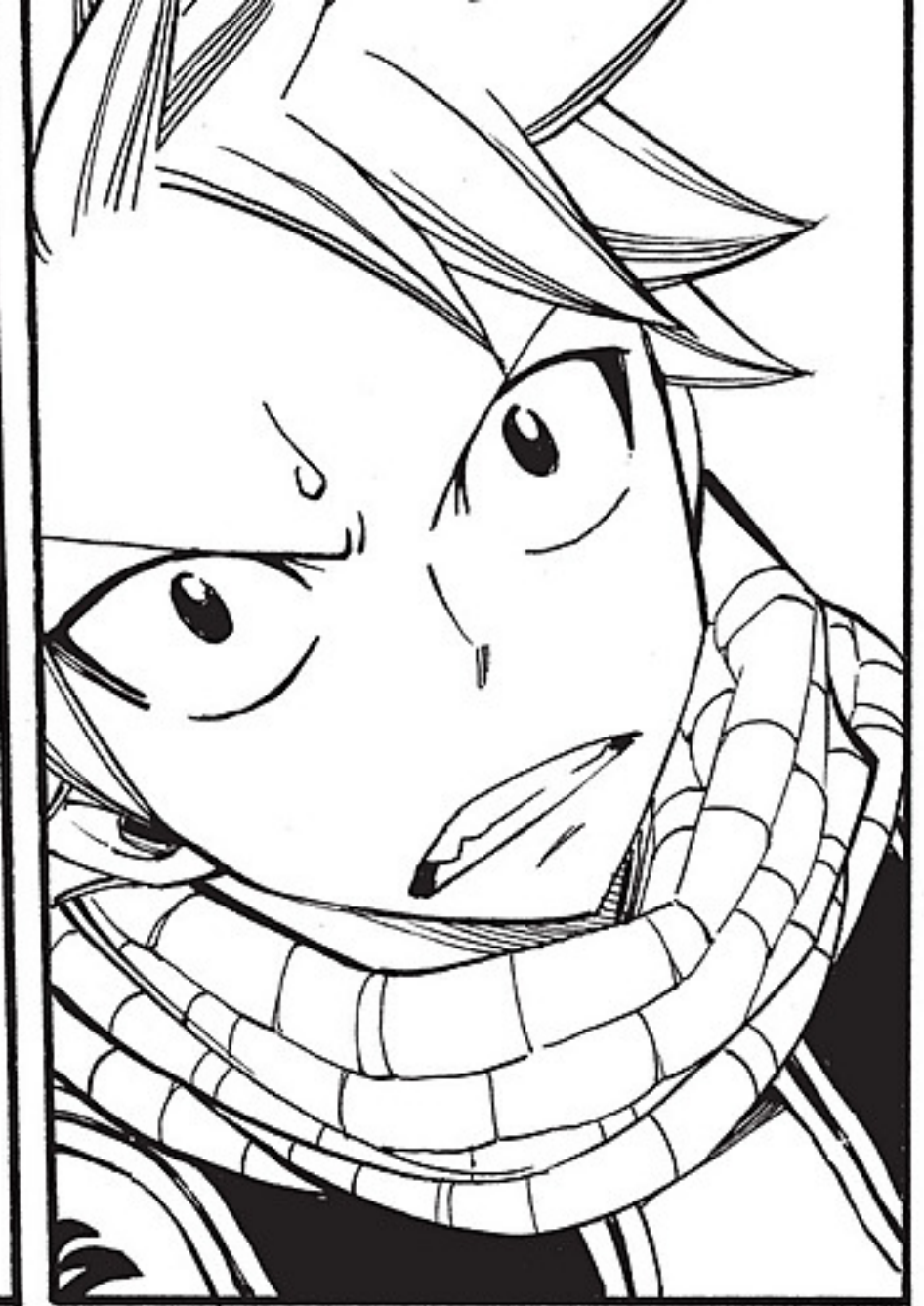
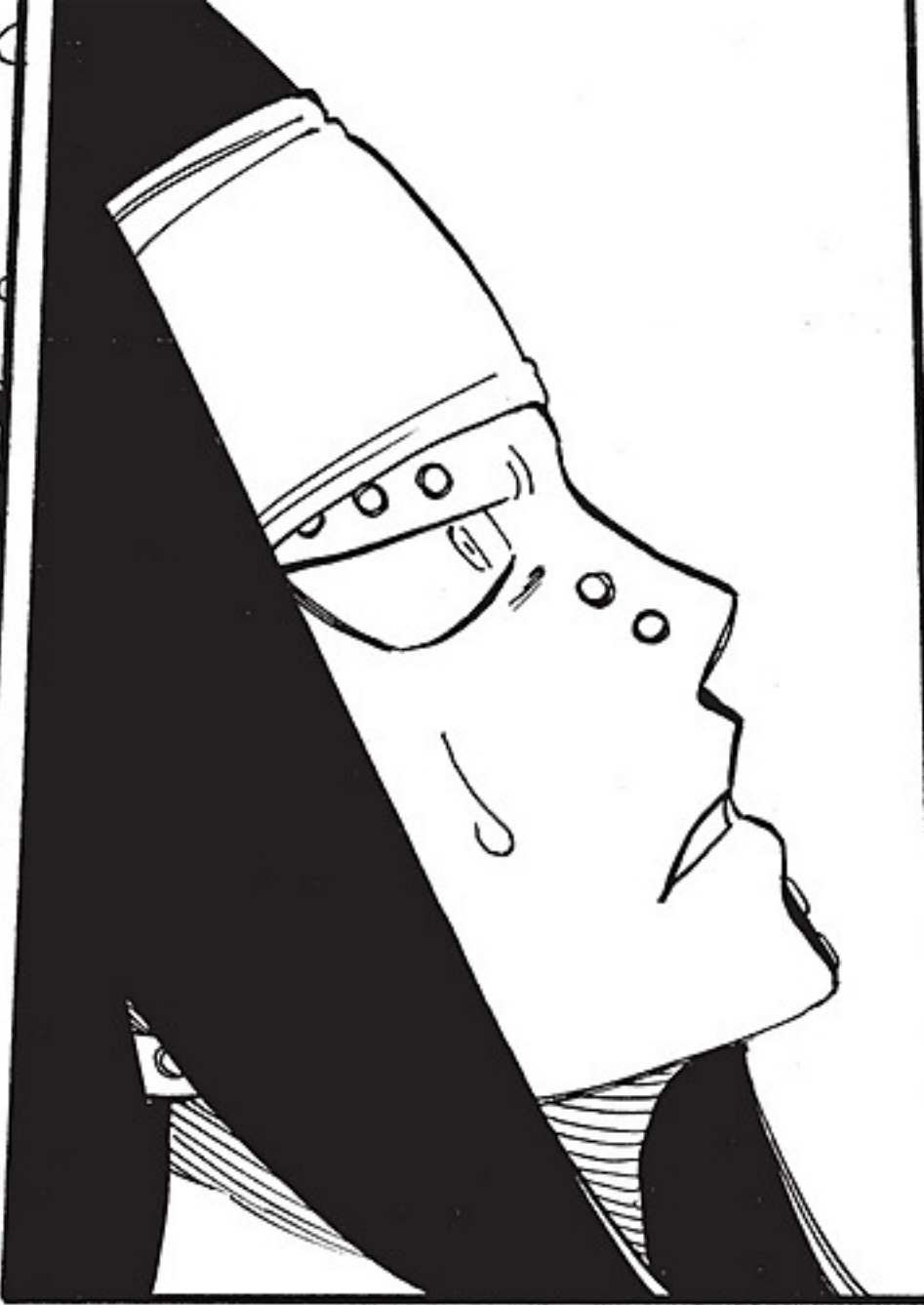


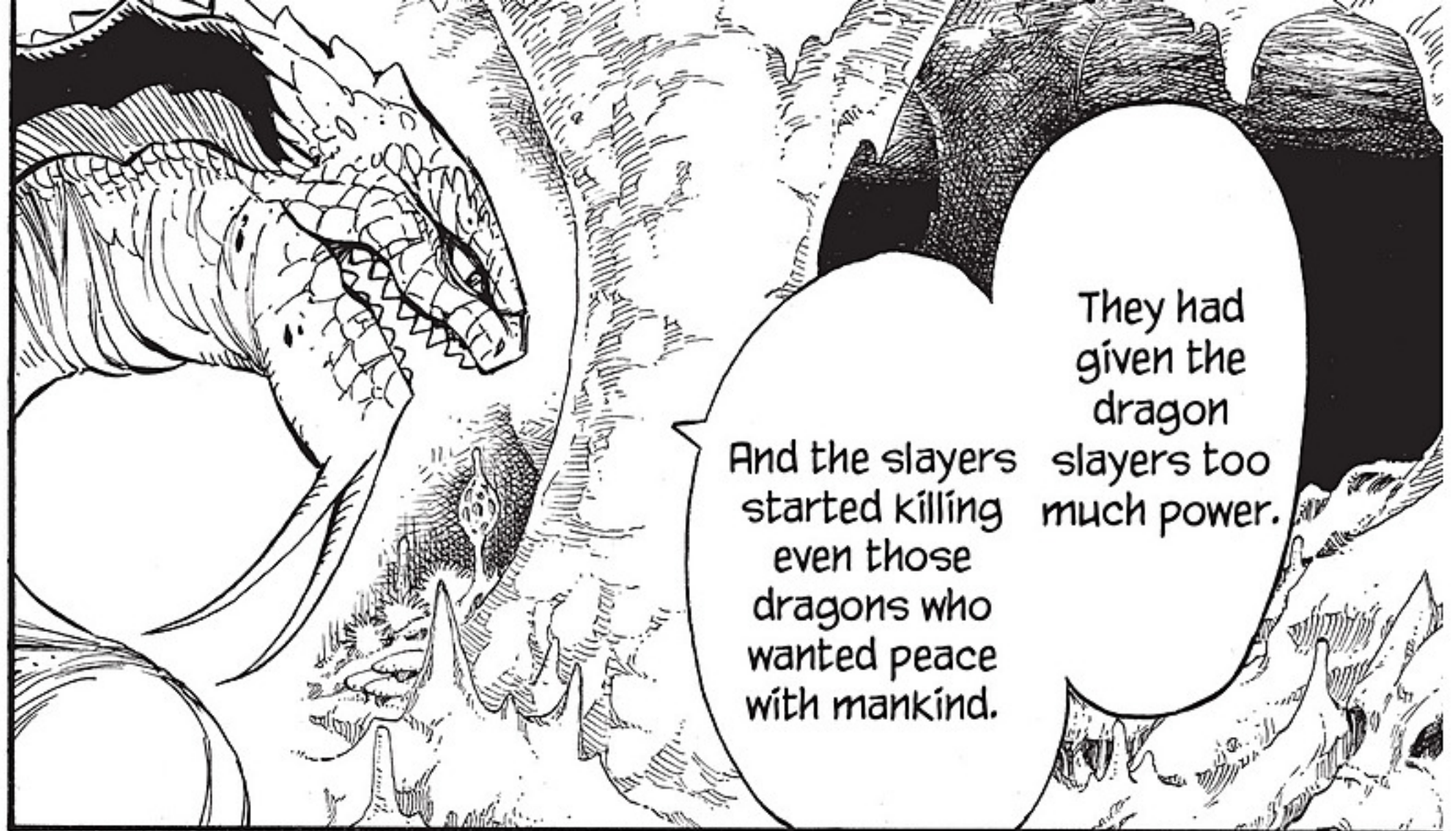
...and had
them join
the battle.

They bestowed
upon the
humans
*magic that
could slay
dragons...*

But eventually
the faction
that wanted
peace with
the humans
struck on a
very foolish
strategy.

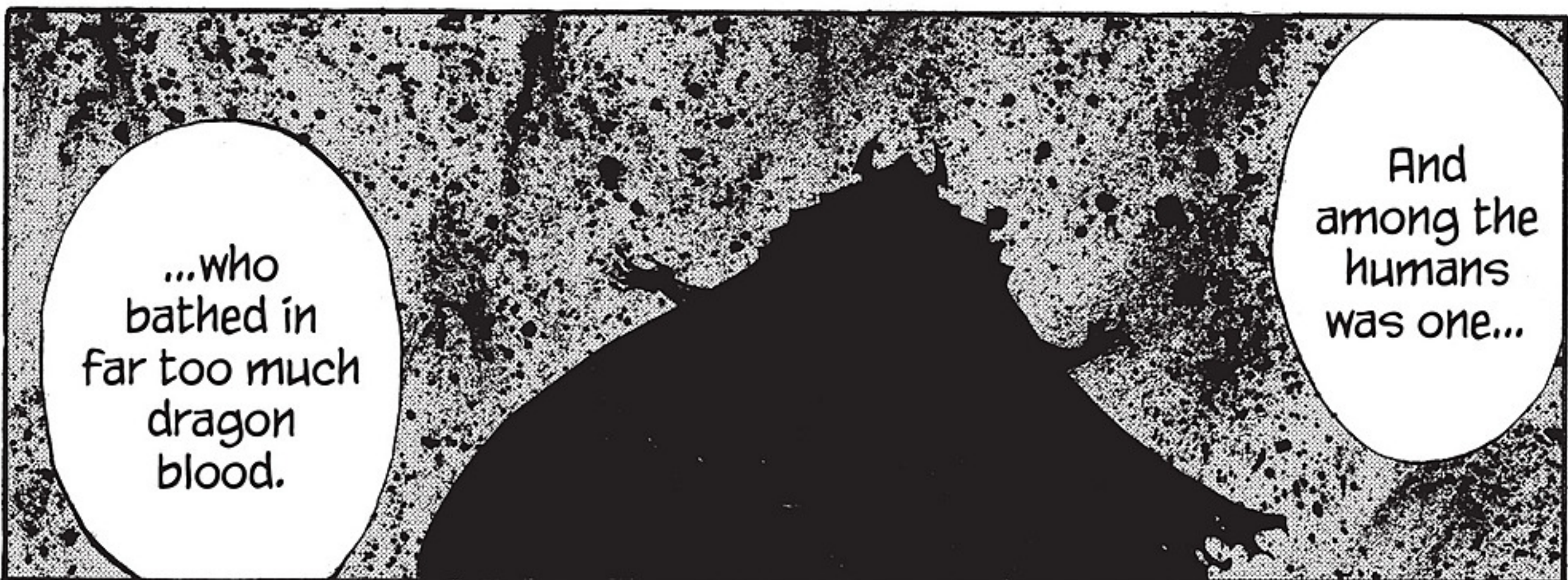






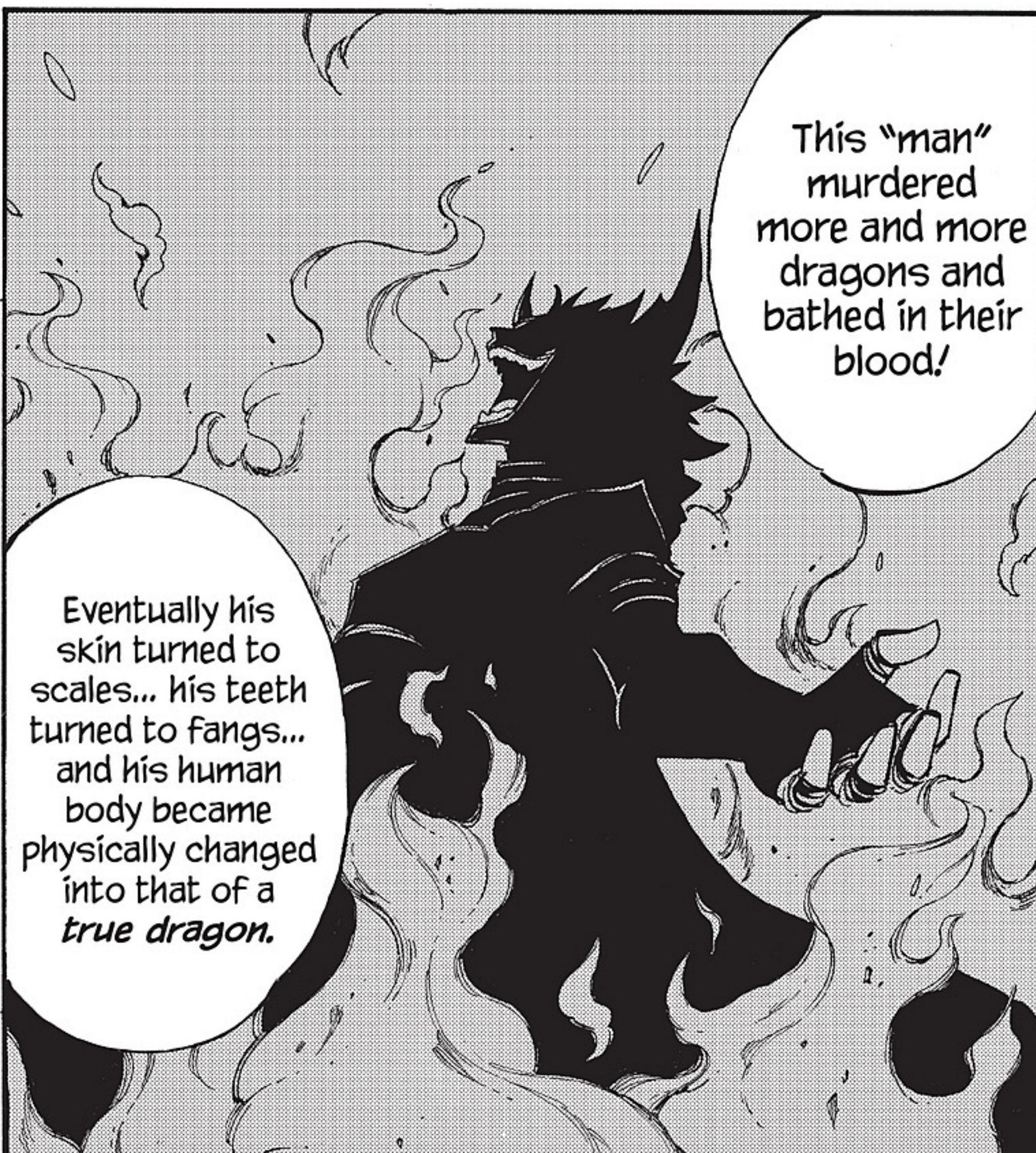
And the slayers
started killing
even those
dragons who
wanted peace
with mankind.

They had
given the
dragon
slayers too
much power.



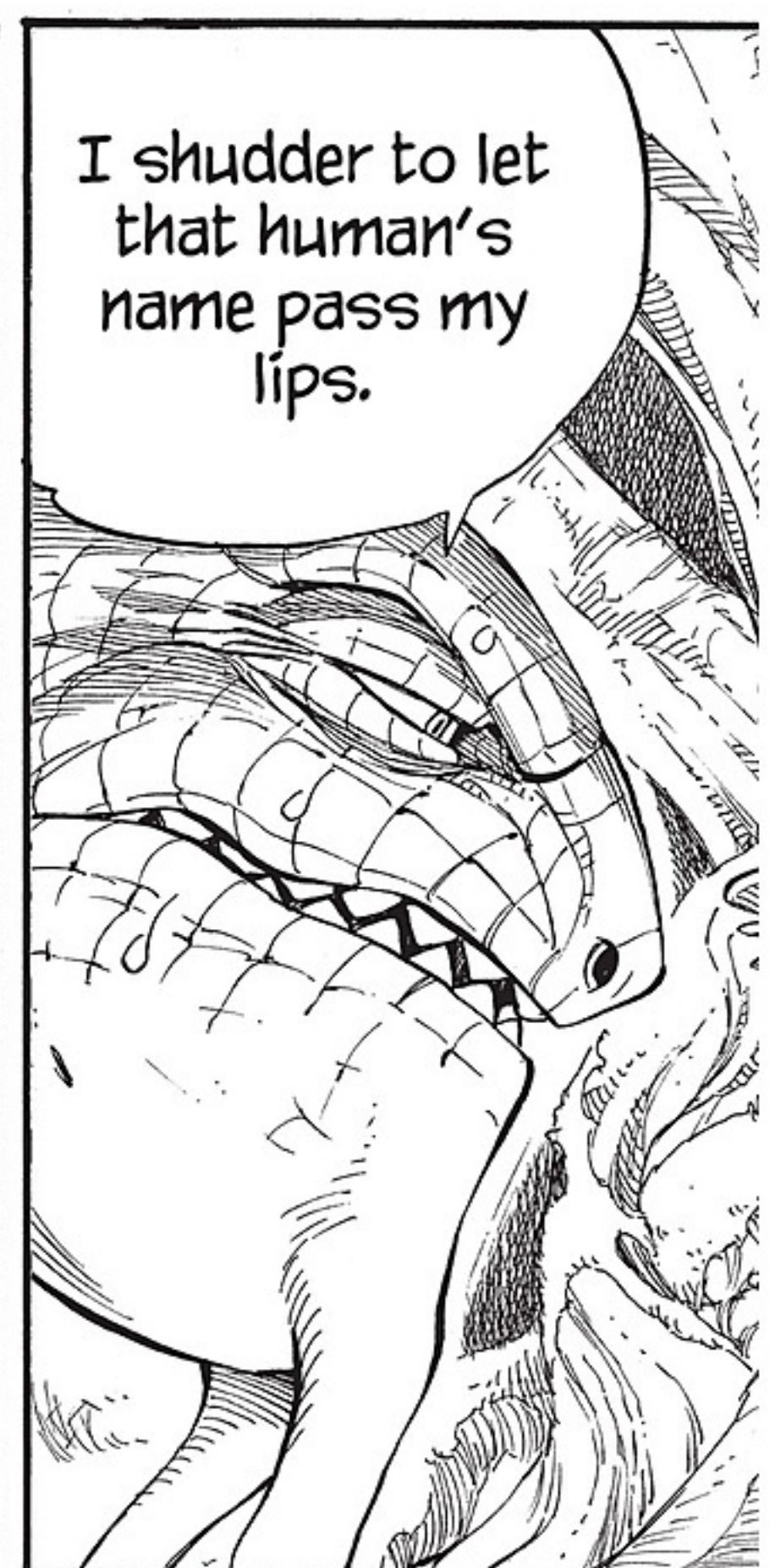
...who
bathed in
far too much
dragon
blood.

And
among the
humans
was one...

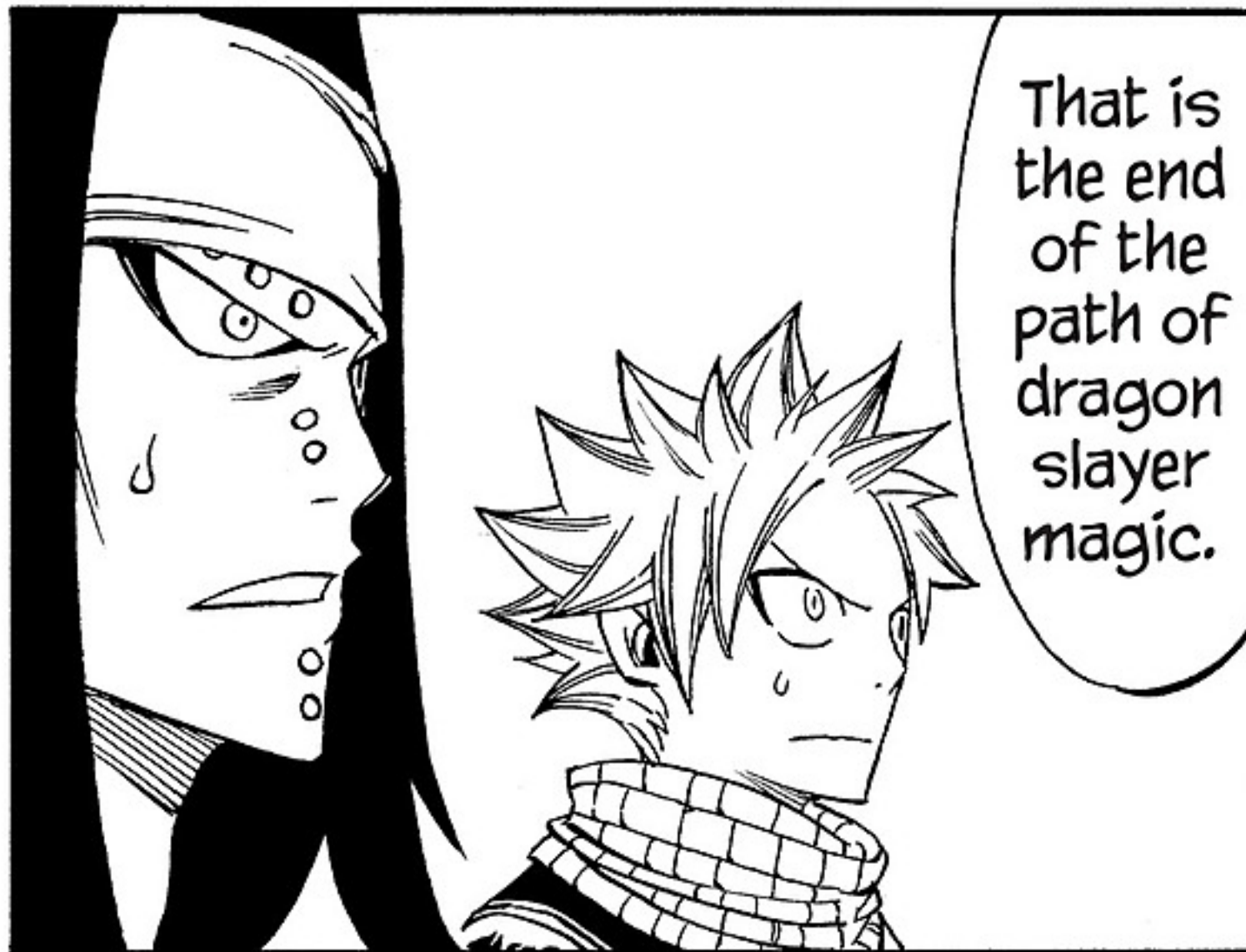


Eventually his
skin turned to
scales... his teeth
turned to fangs...
and his human
body became
physically changed
into that of a
true dragon.

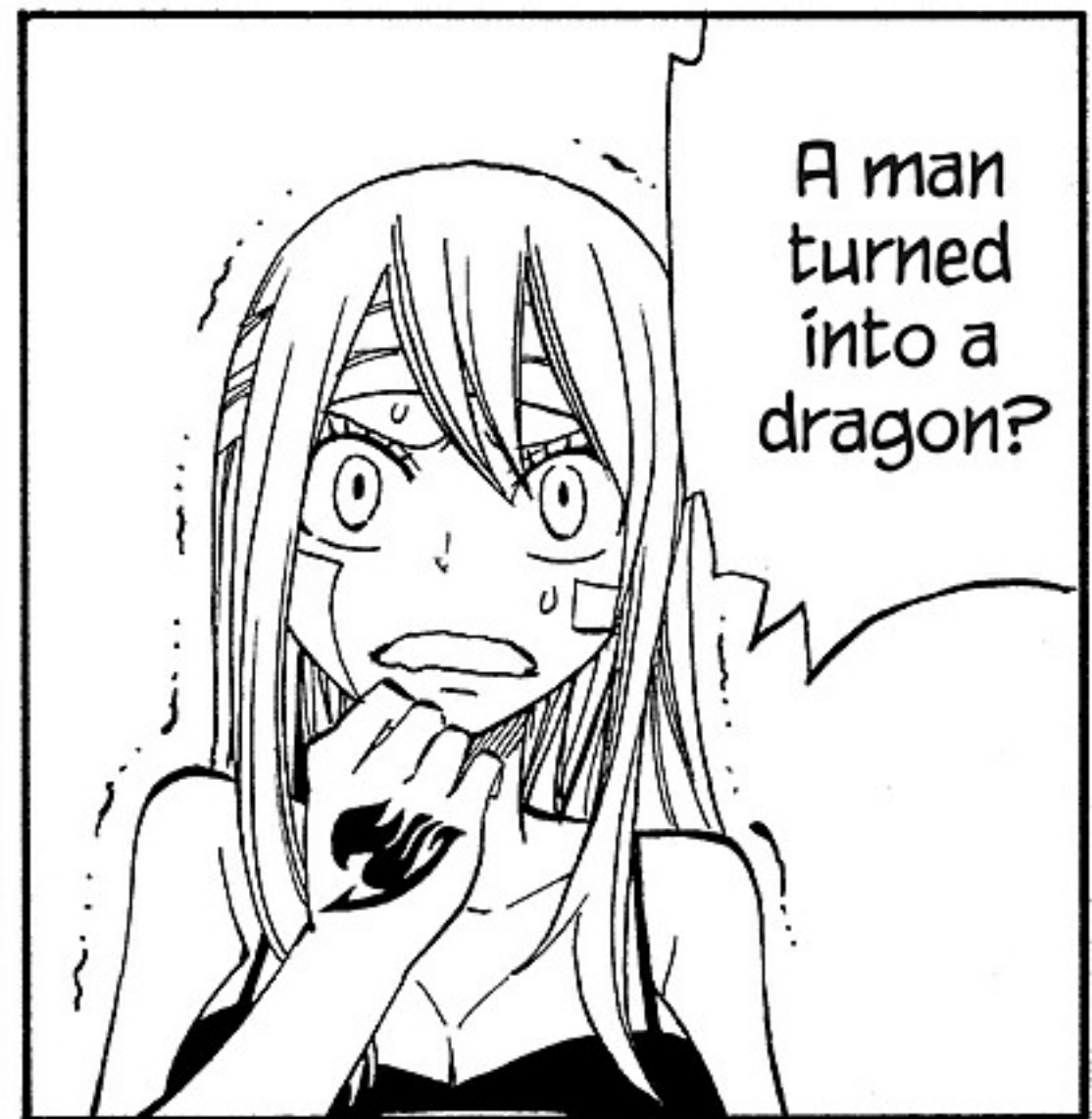
This "man"
murdered
more and more
dragons and
bathed in their
blood!



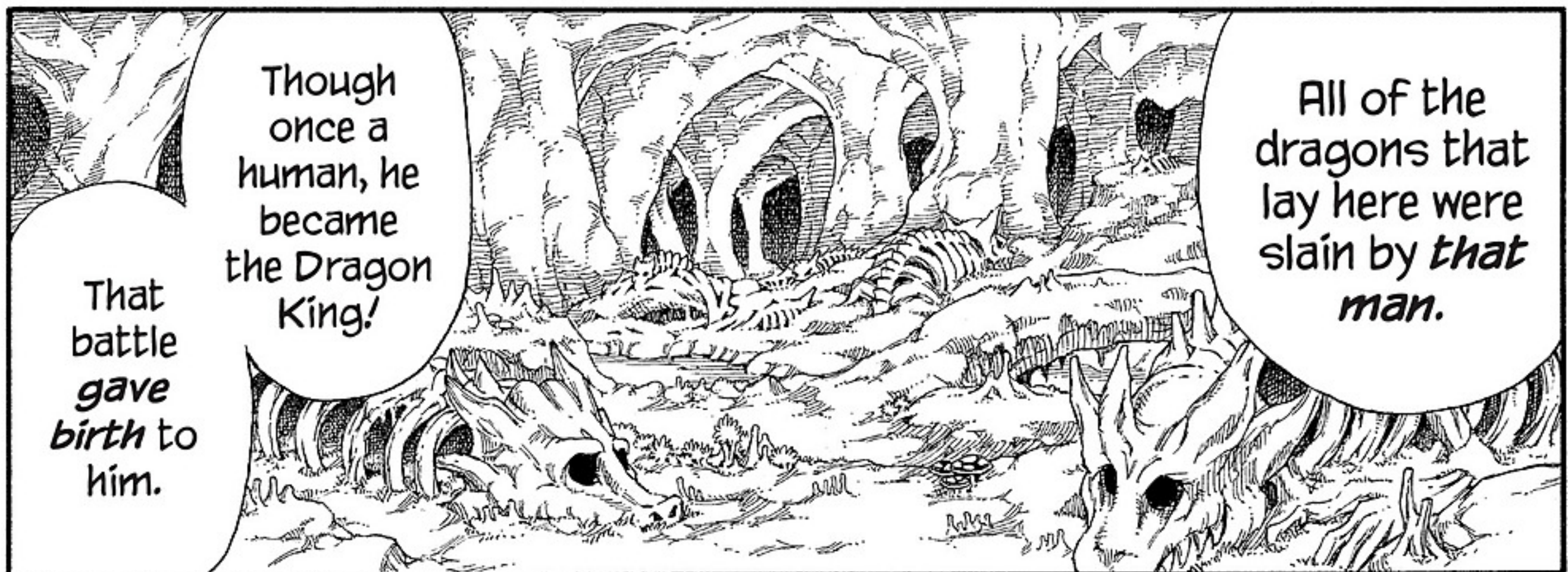
I shudder to let
that human's
name pass my
lips.



That is
the end
of the
path of
dragon
slayer
magic.



A man
turned
into a
dragon?



That
battle
*gave
birth* to
him.

Though
once a
human, he
became
the Dragon
King!

All of the
dragons that
lay here were
slain by *that
man*.



The
*Dragon King
Festival!*



**That king's
name is
Acnologia
!!!**

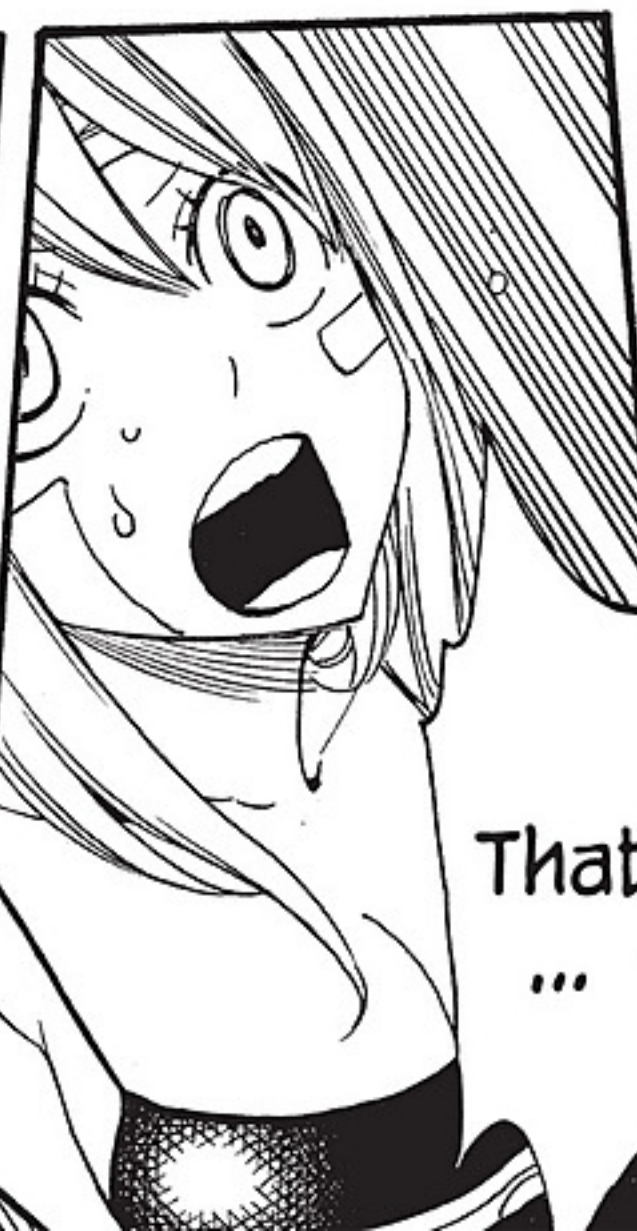
**A dragon,
and yet not
a dragon.
The Wings of
Darkness!!!**



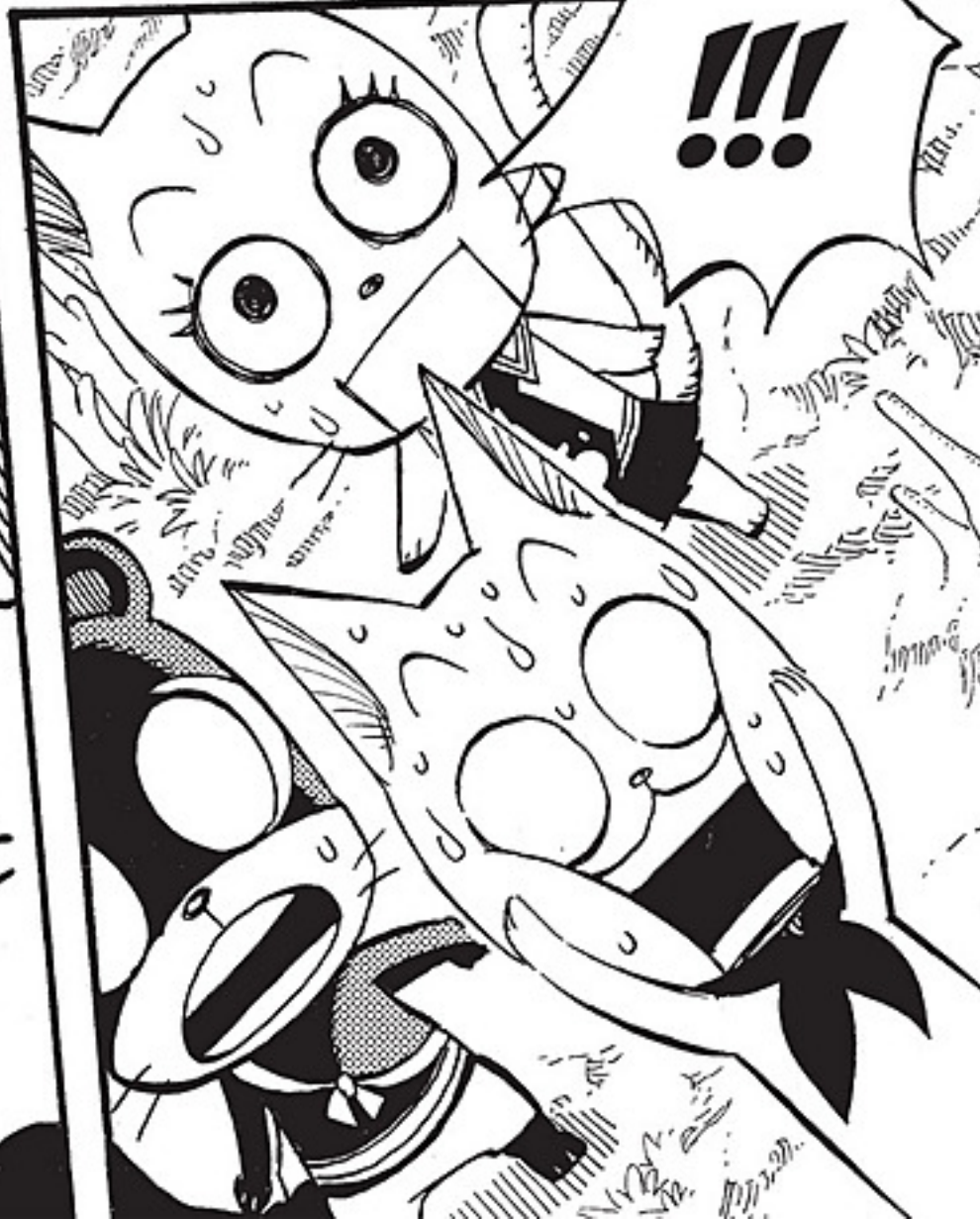
**Not
possi-
ble!!!**



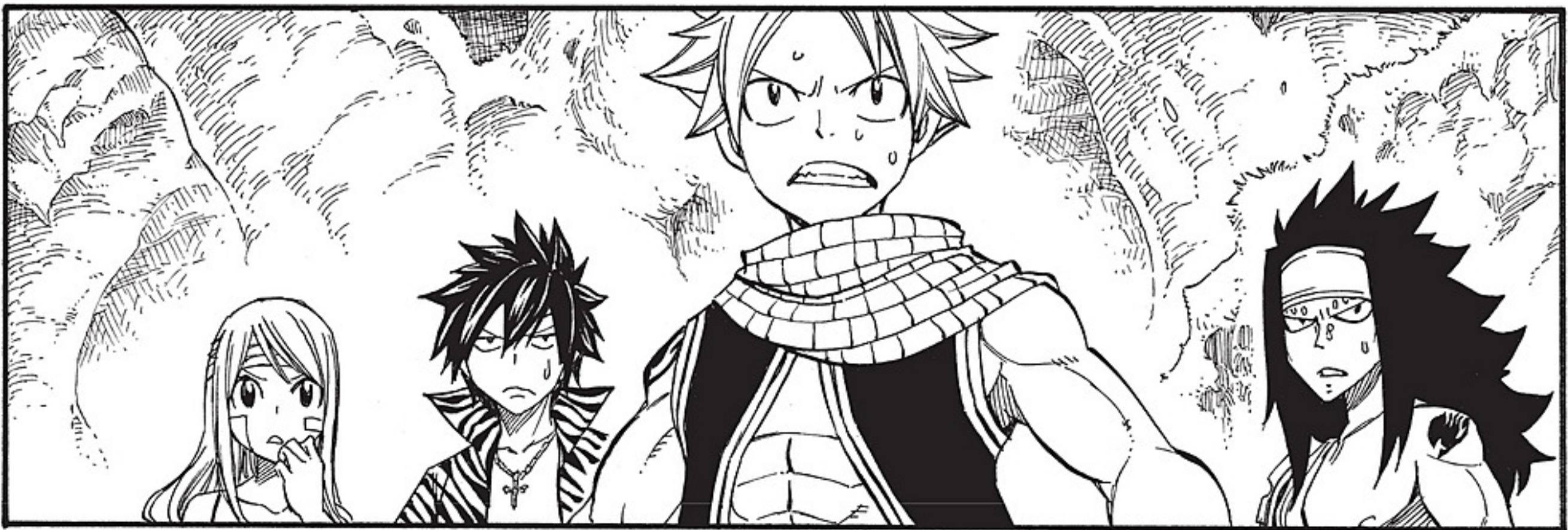
**...Was
once a
man
?!**



**That
...**

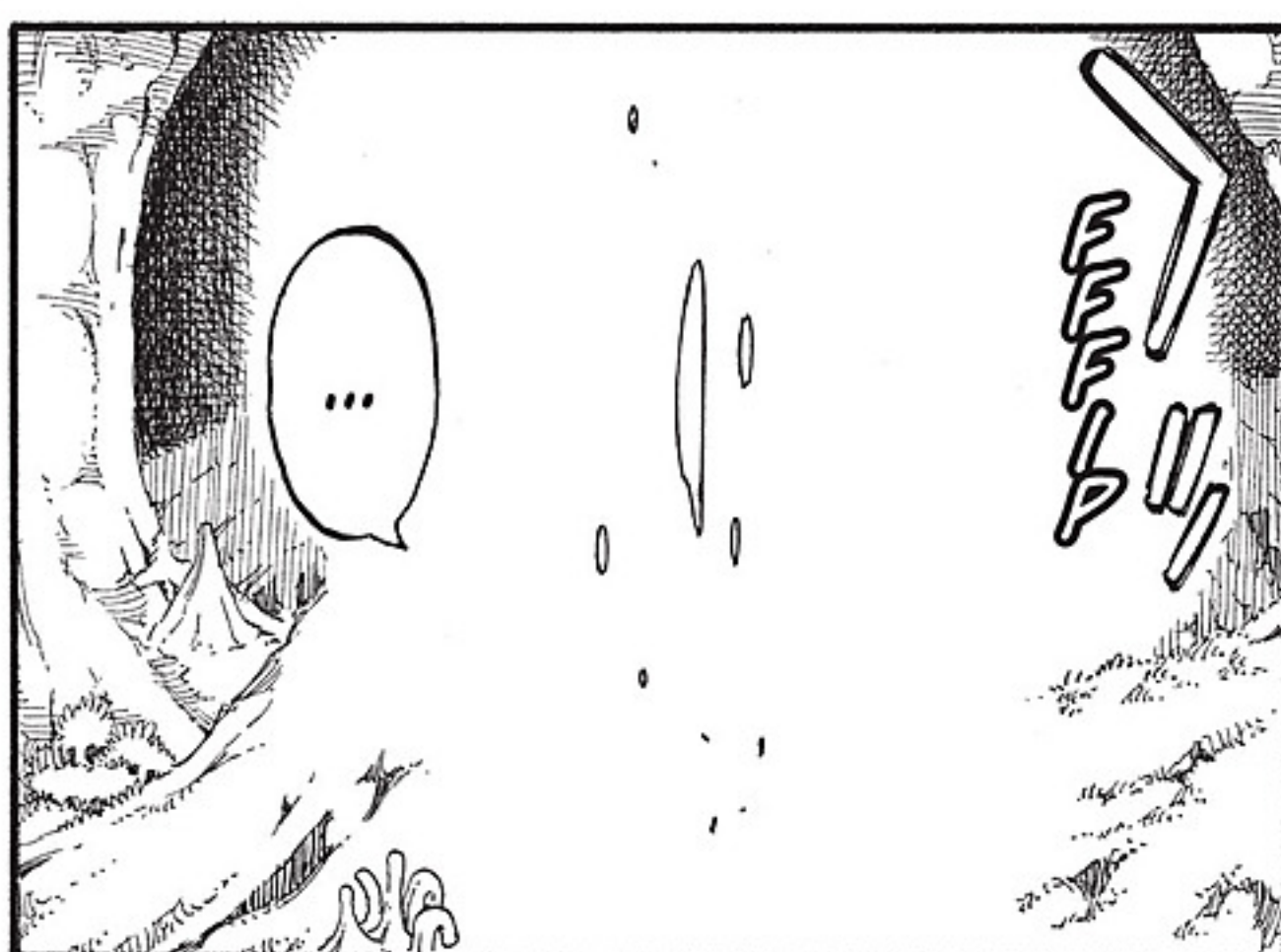
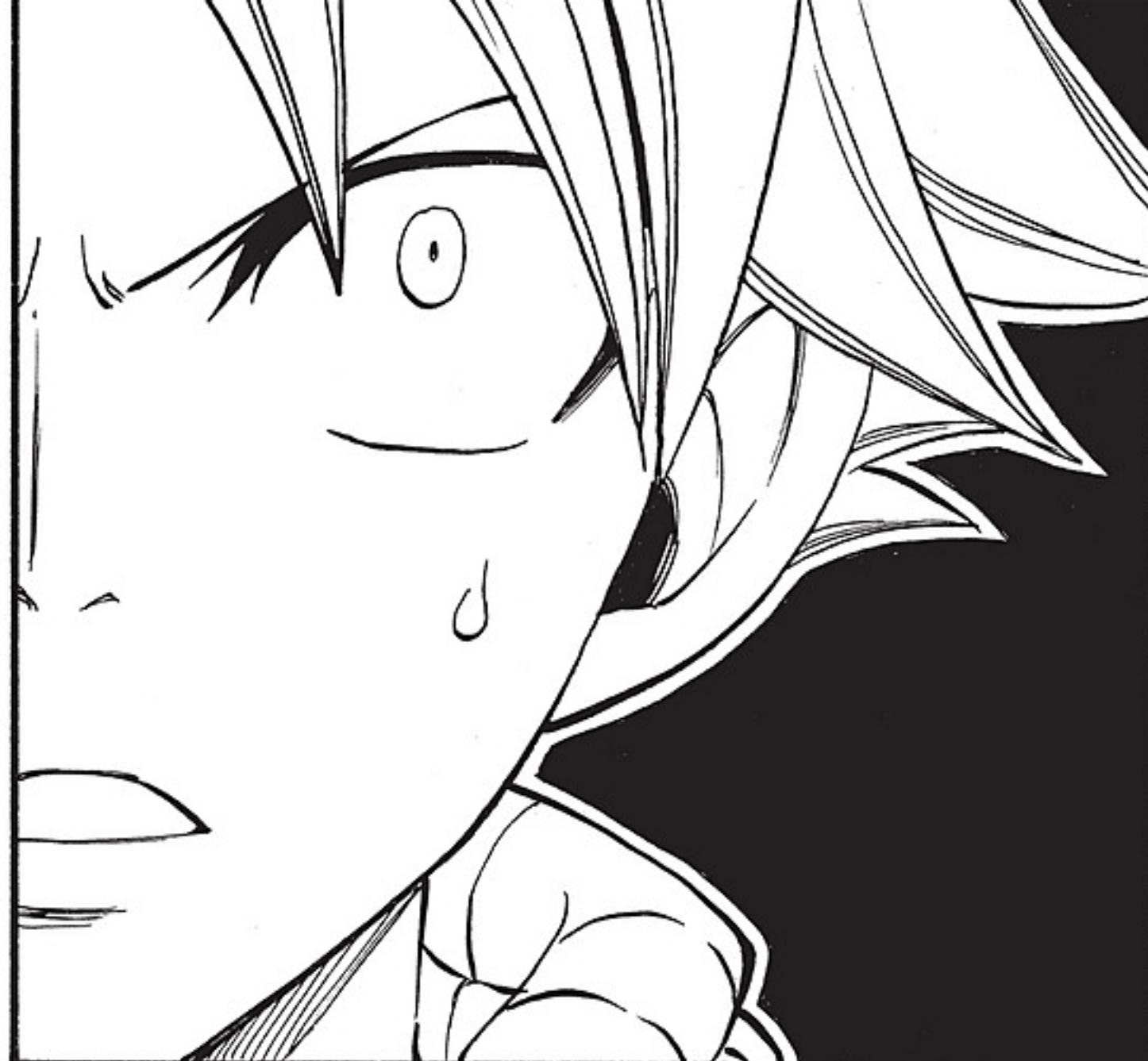


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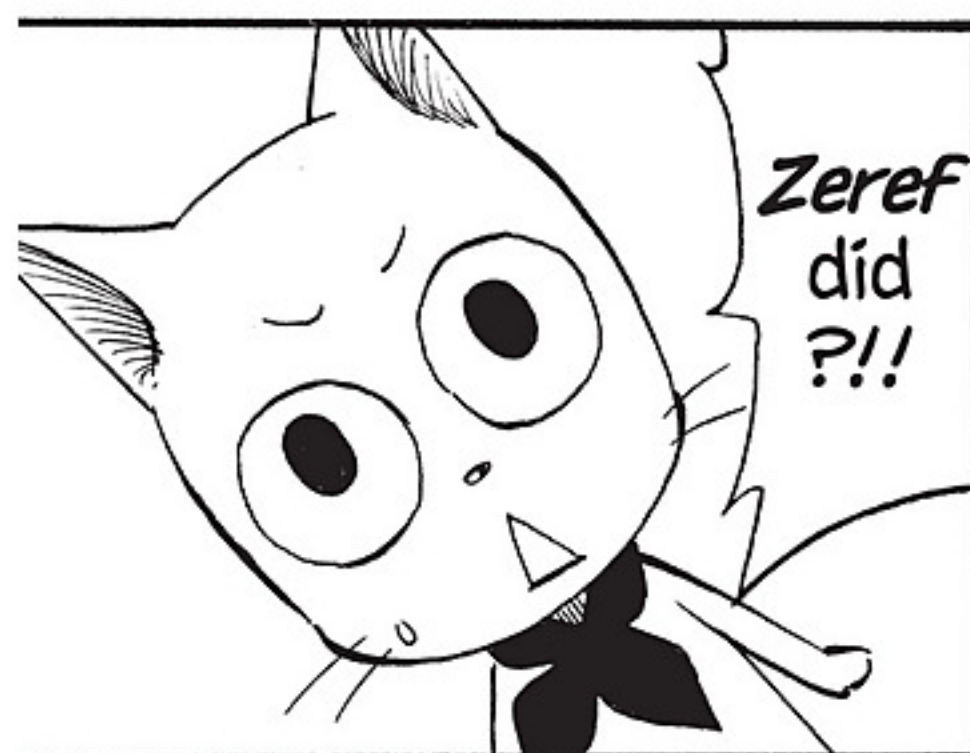
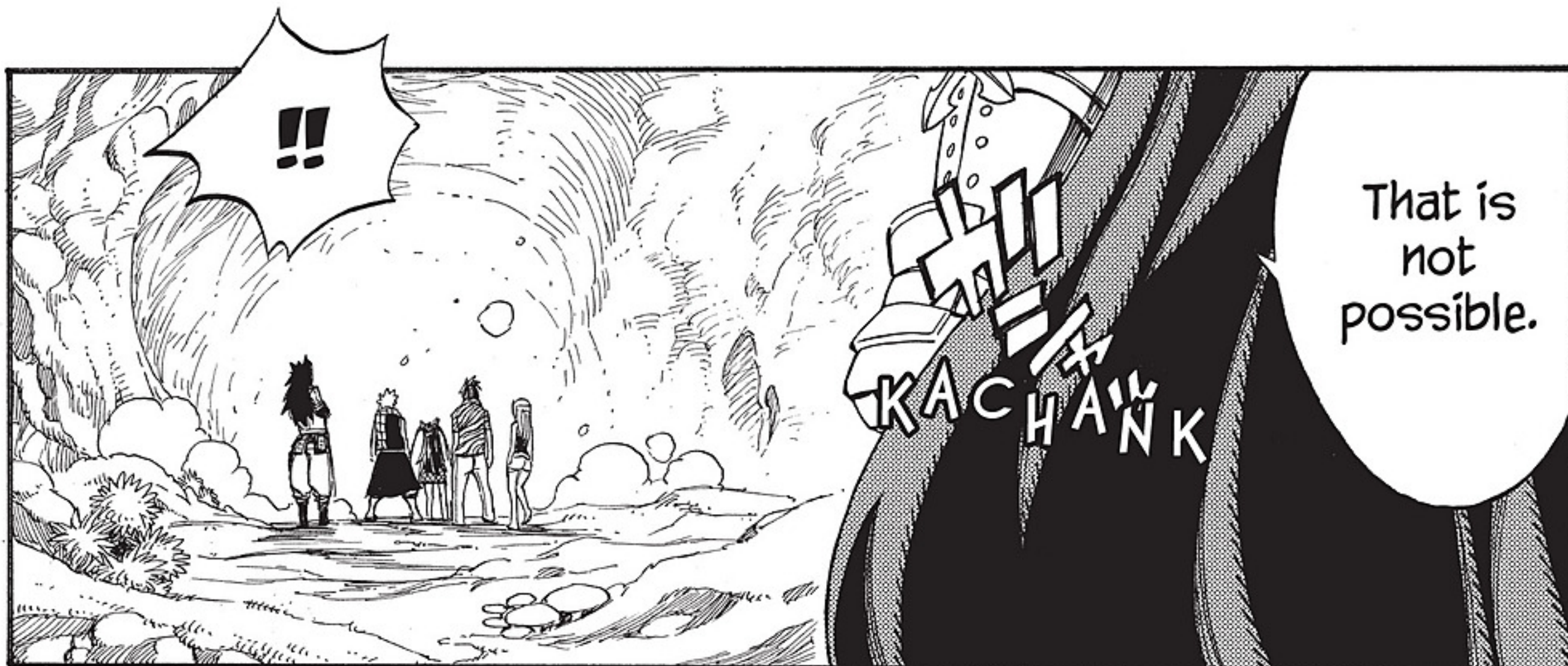


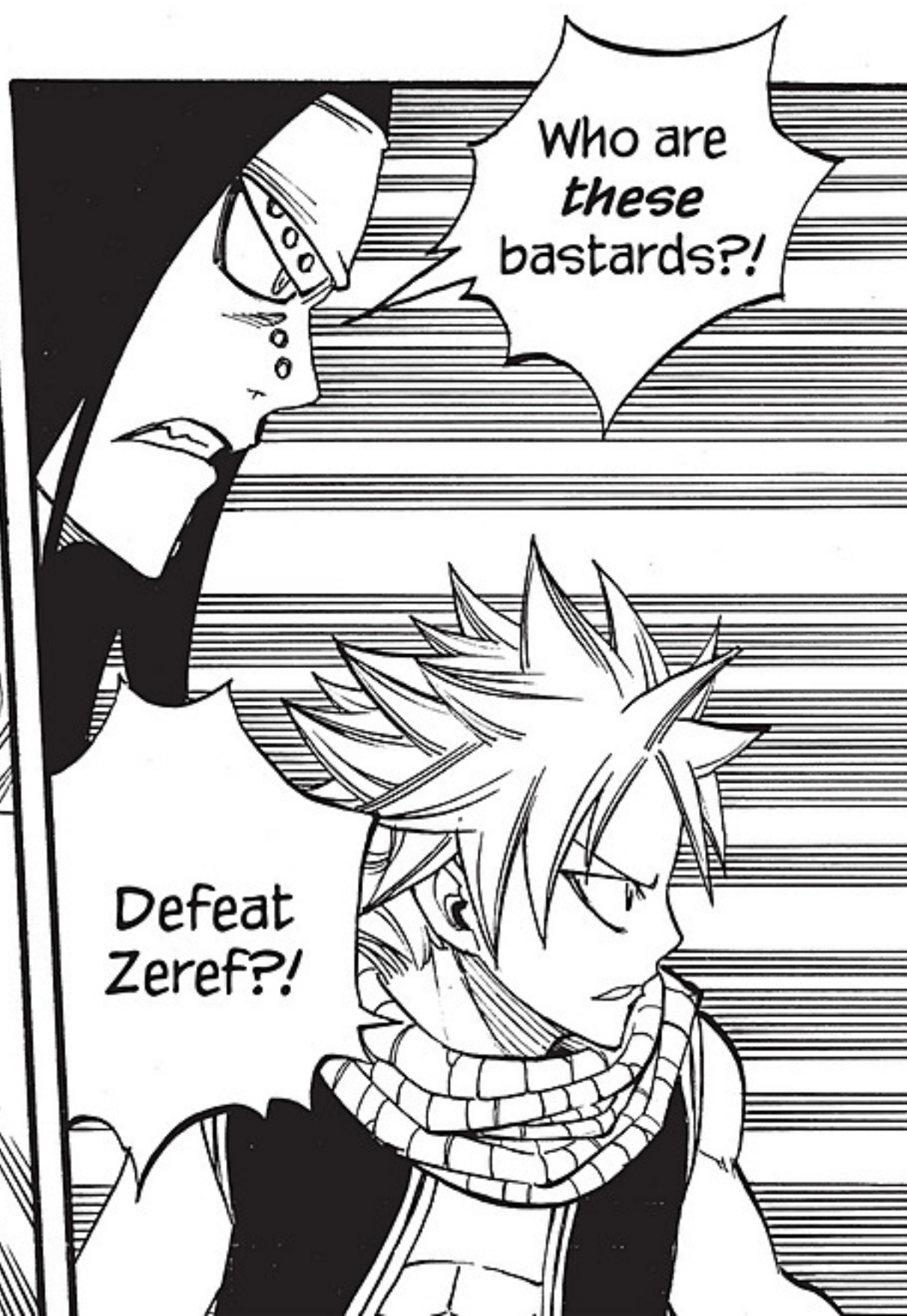
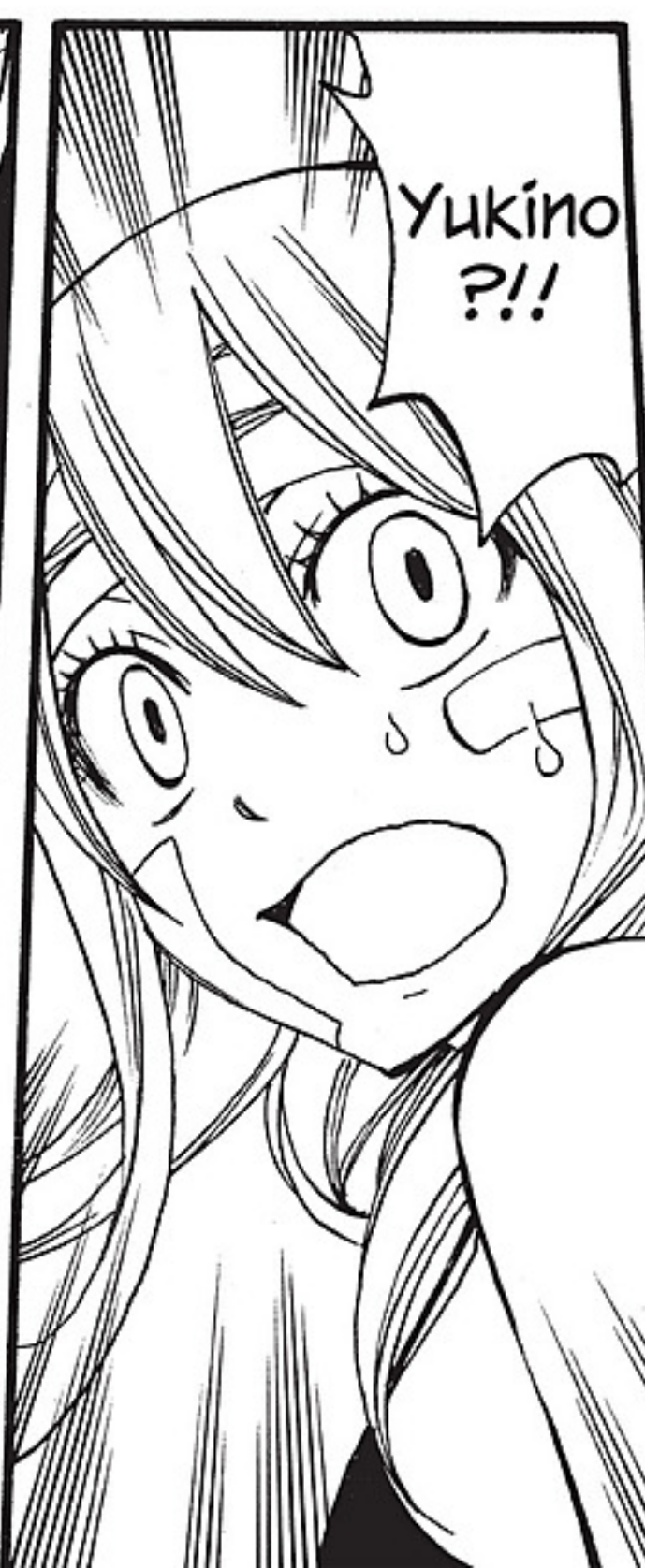
He managed to destroy nearly all the dragons.



...is to tell you...





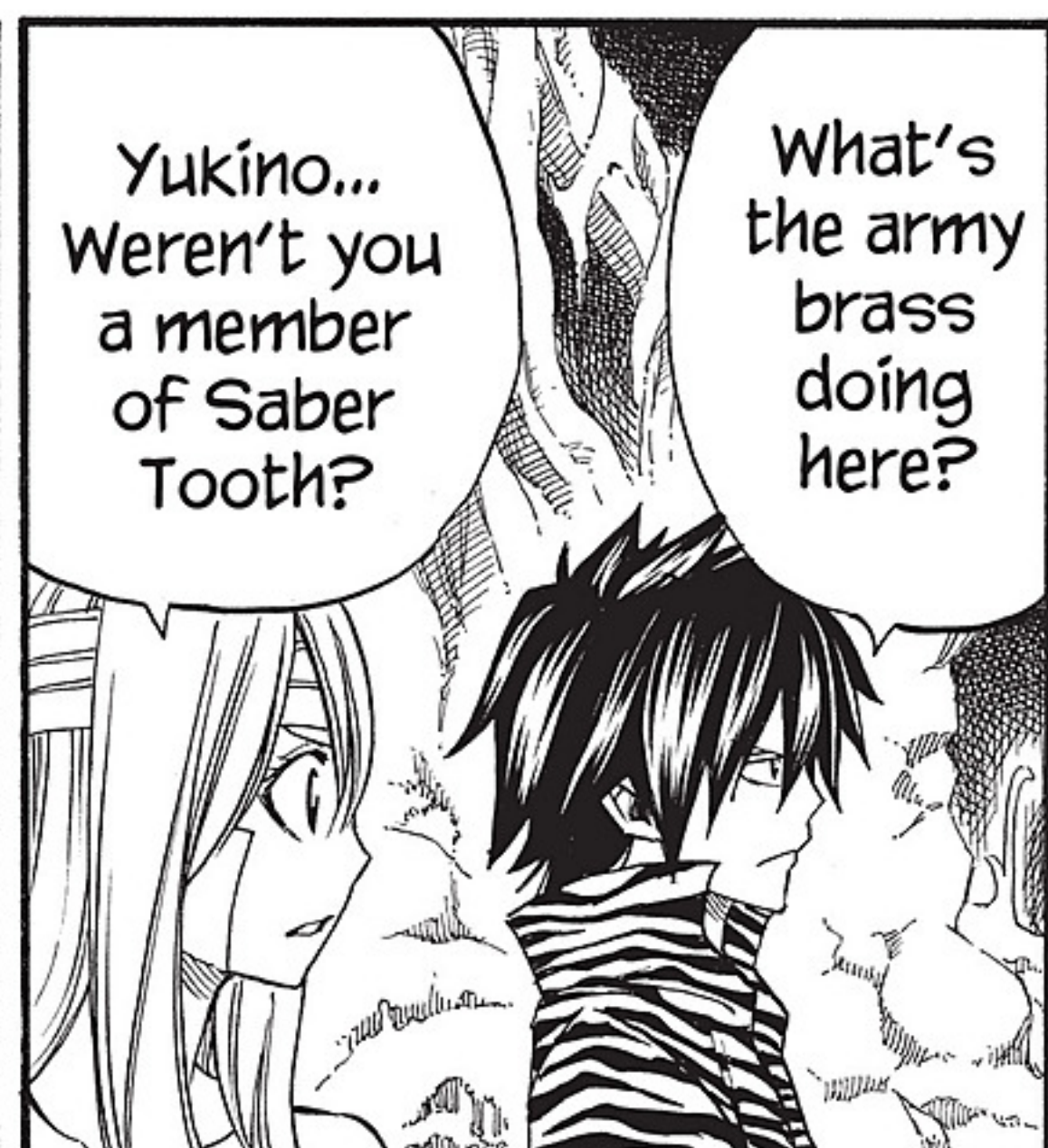
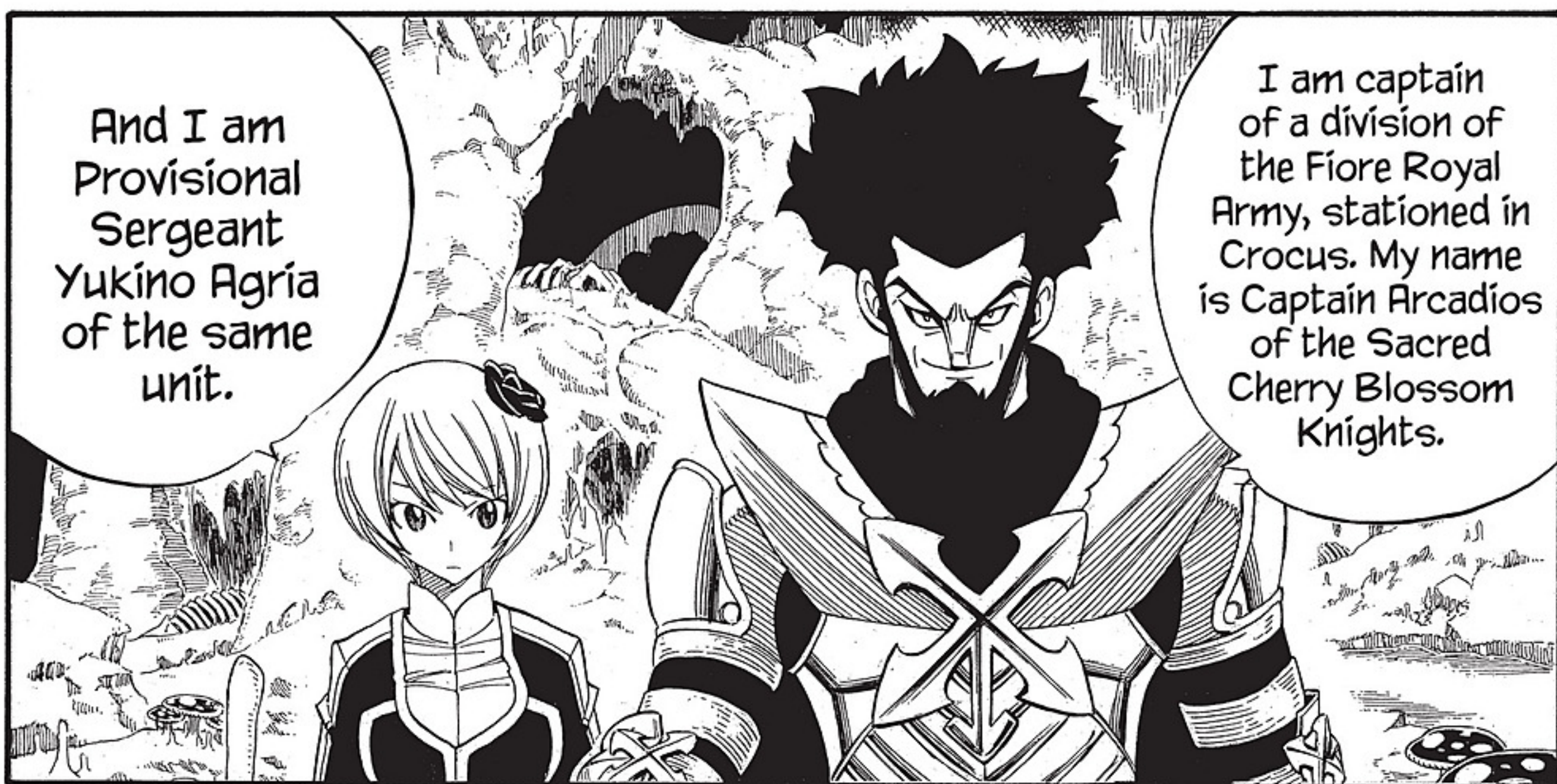
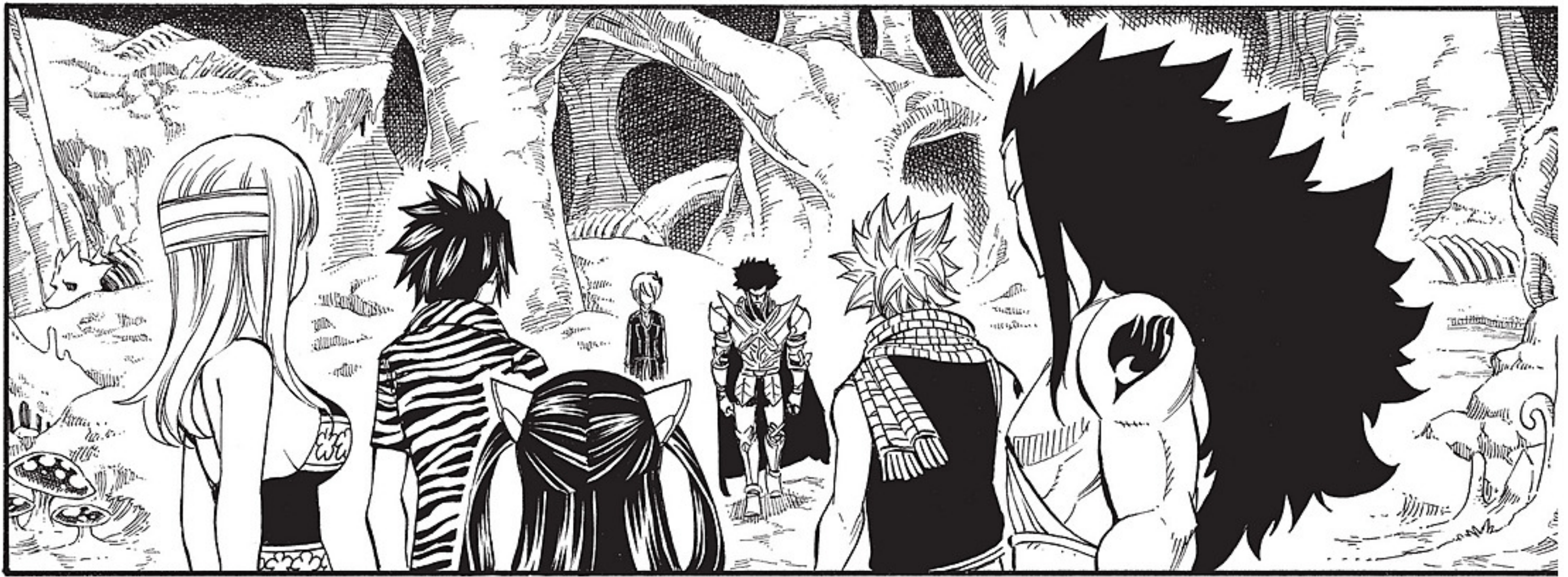


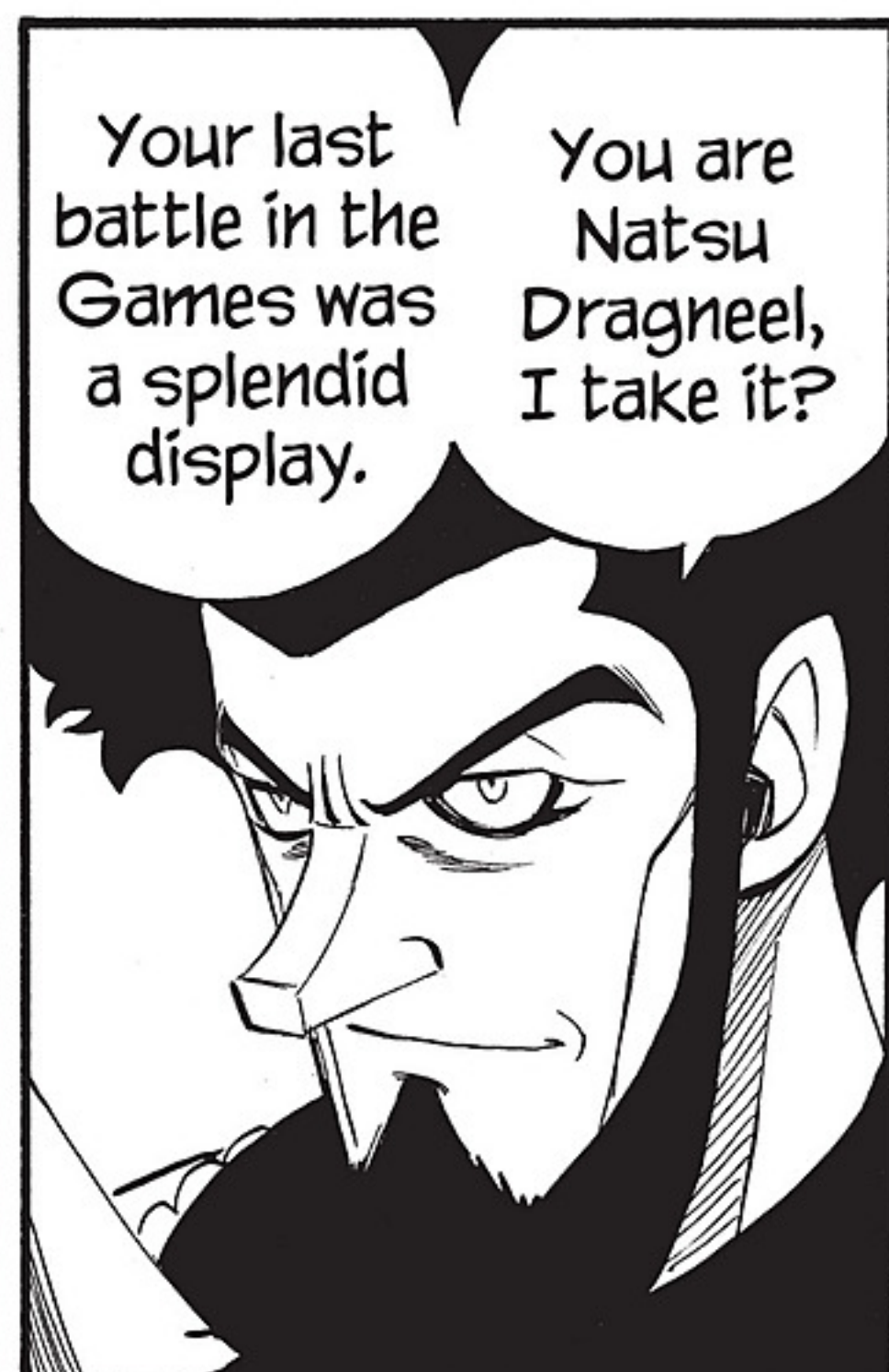
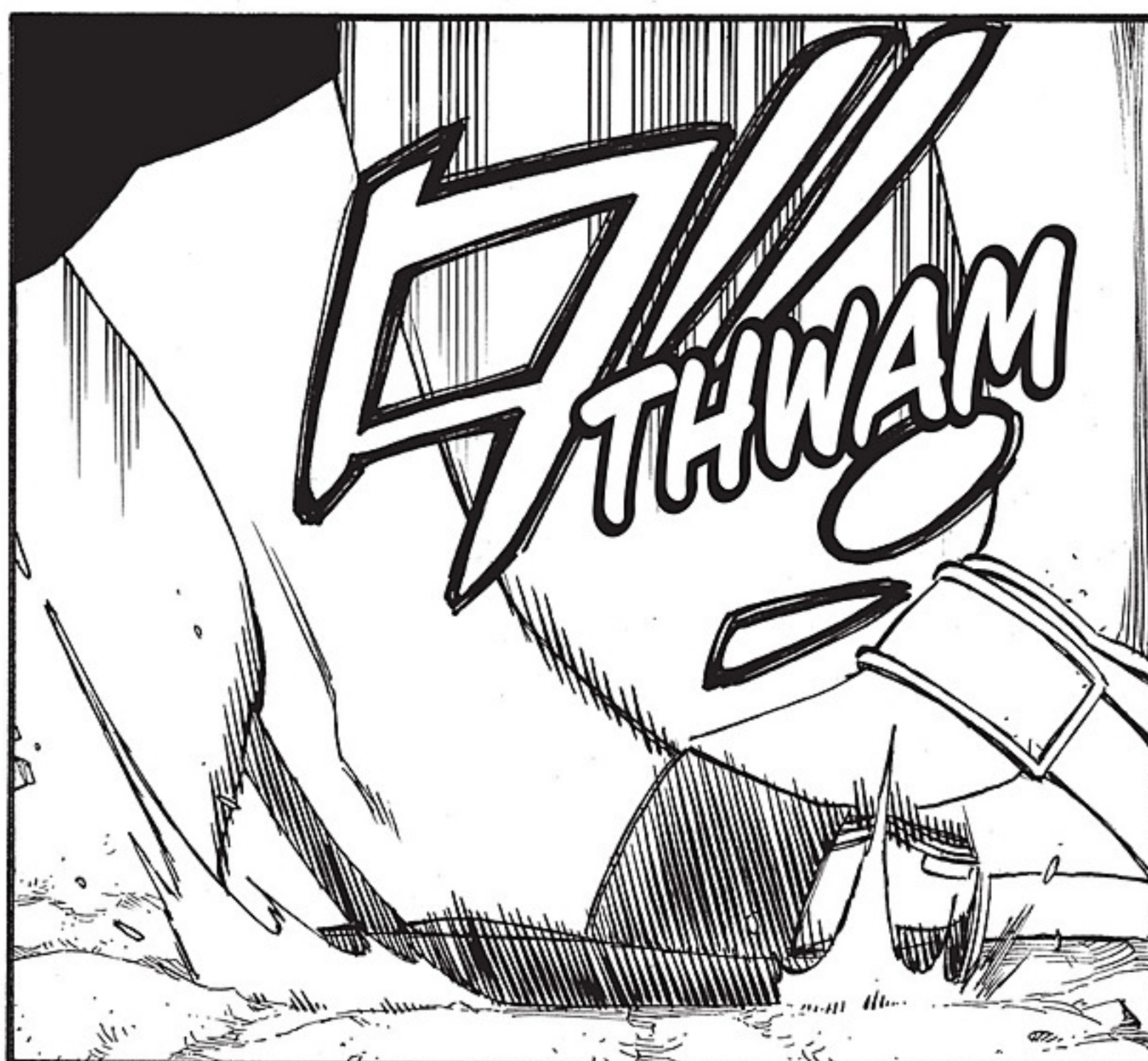
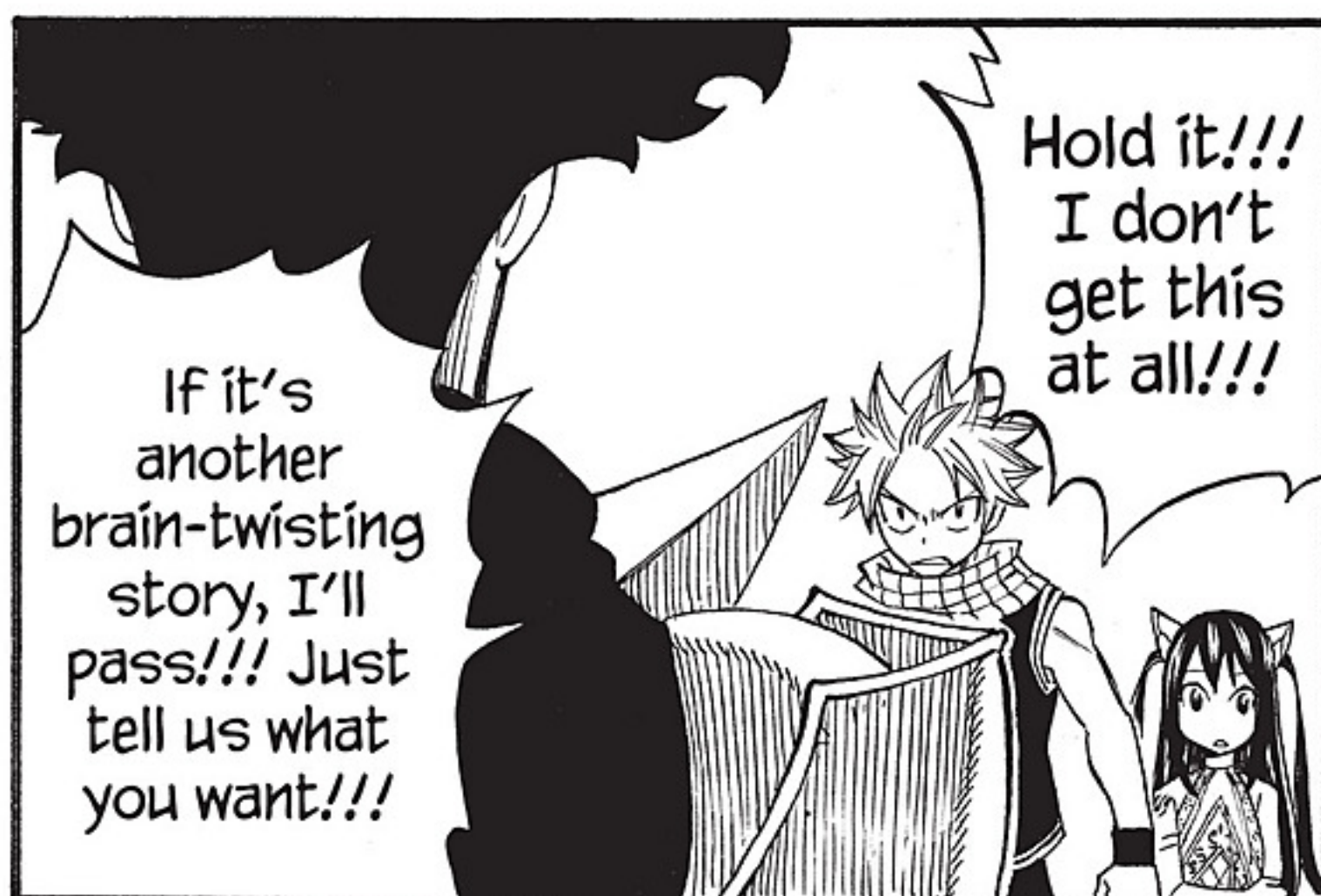
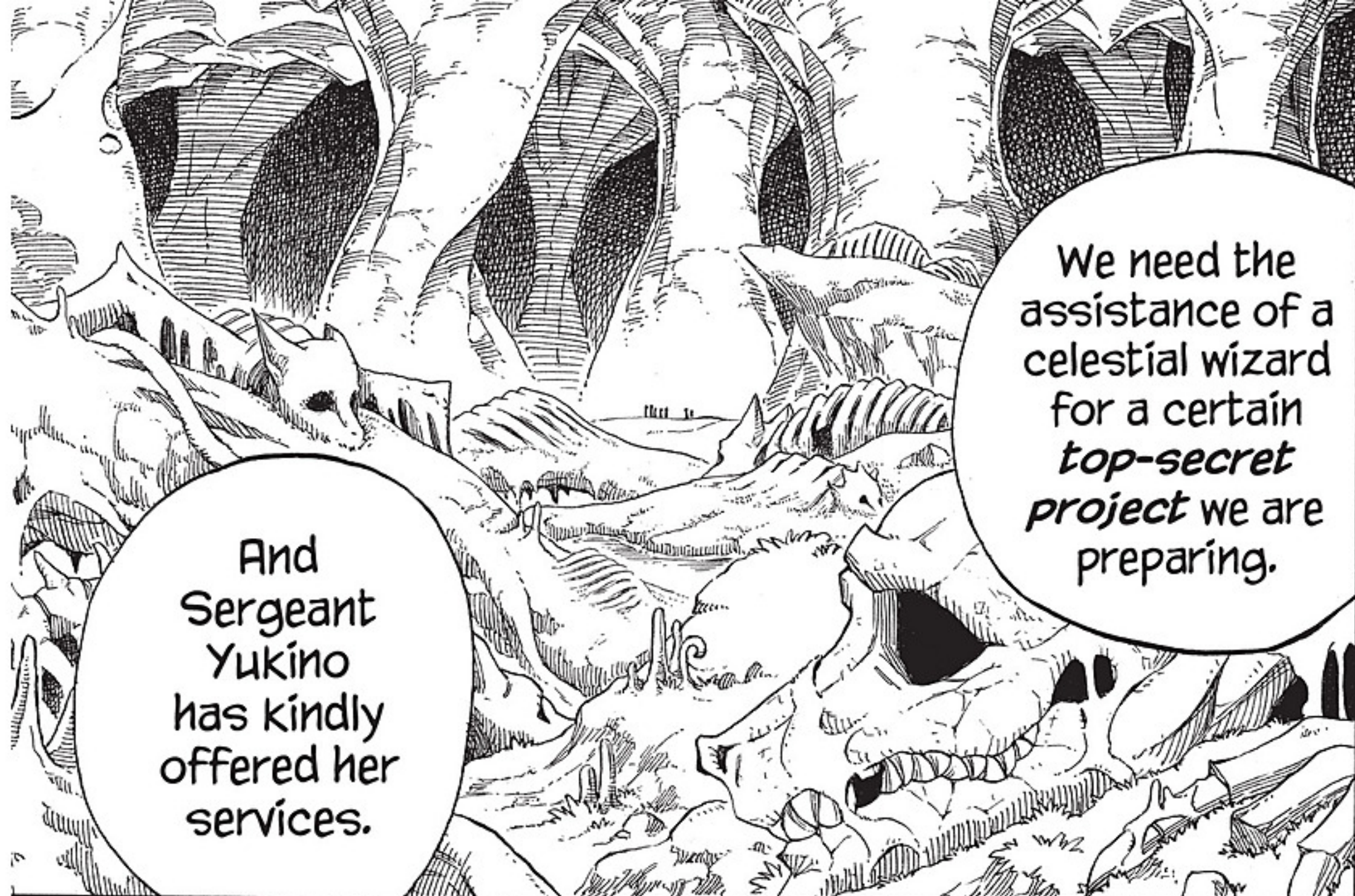
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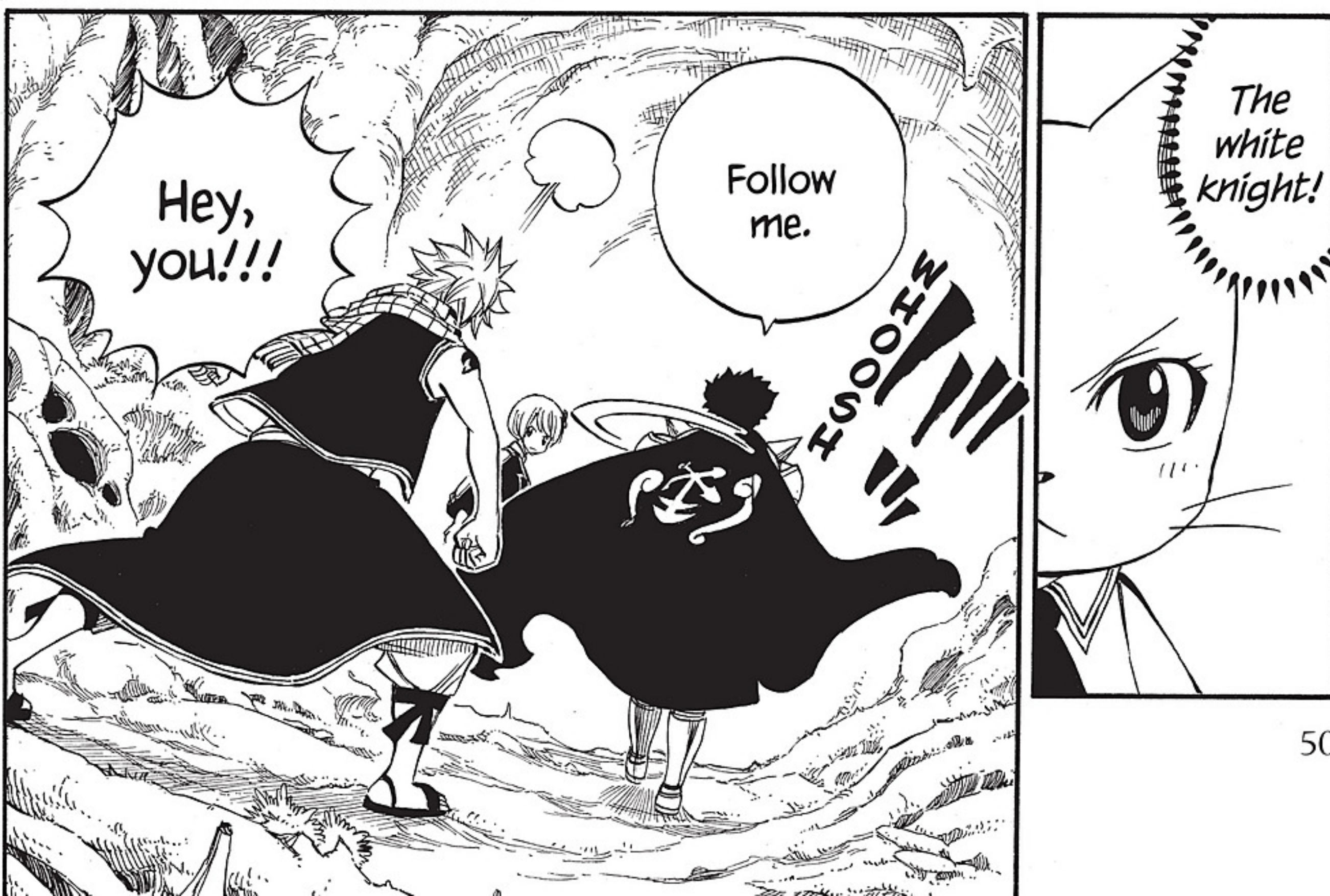
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Chapter 302: The Eclipse Plan

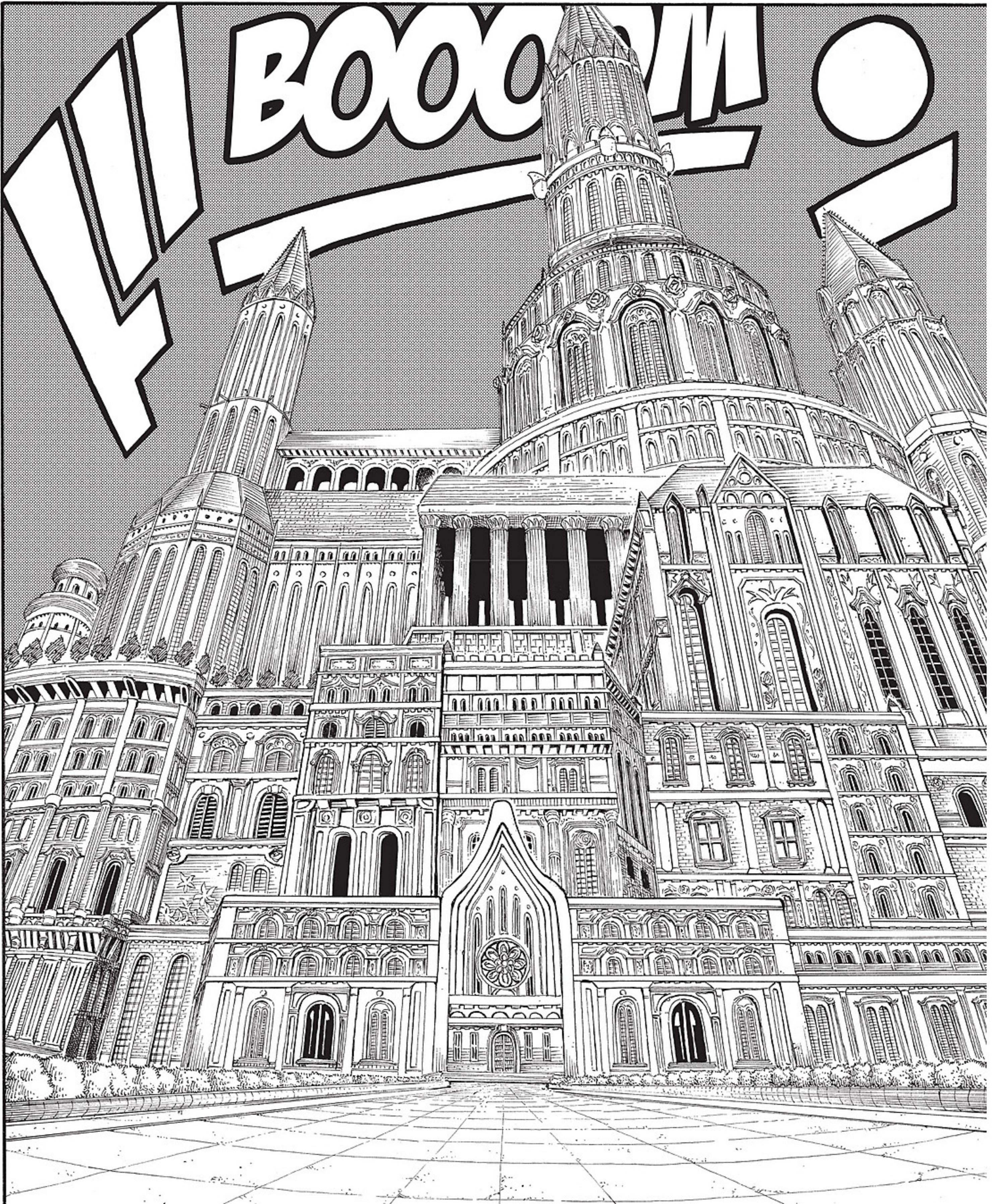
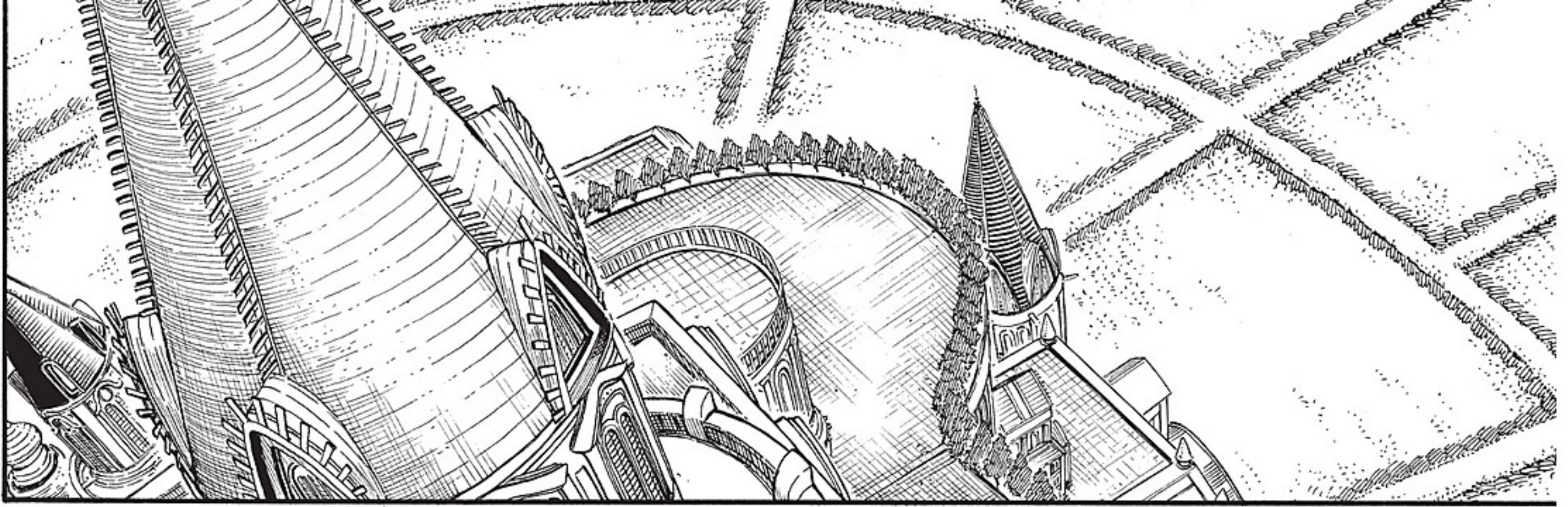


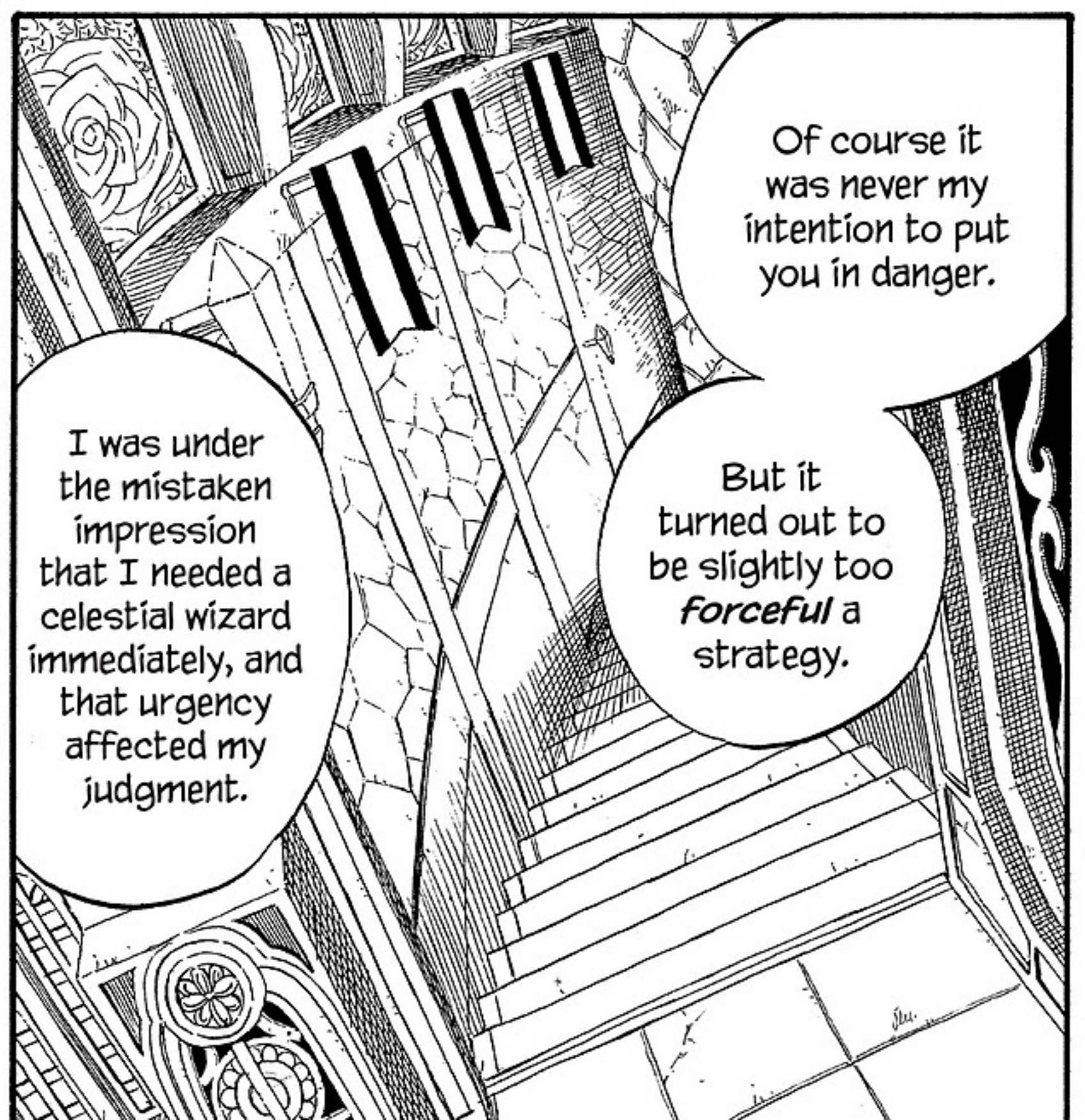
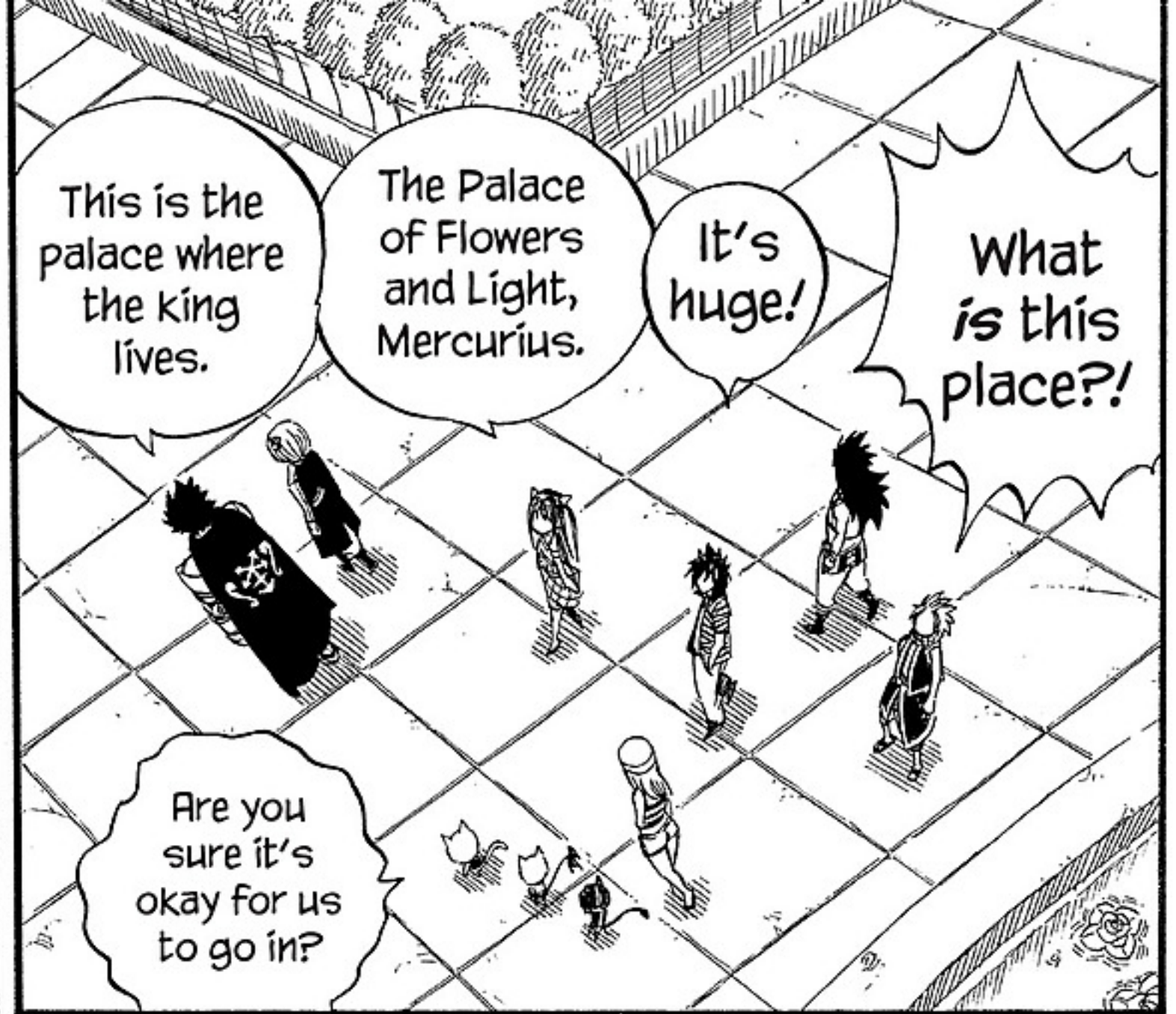


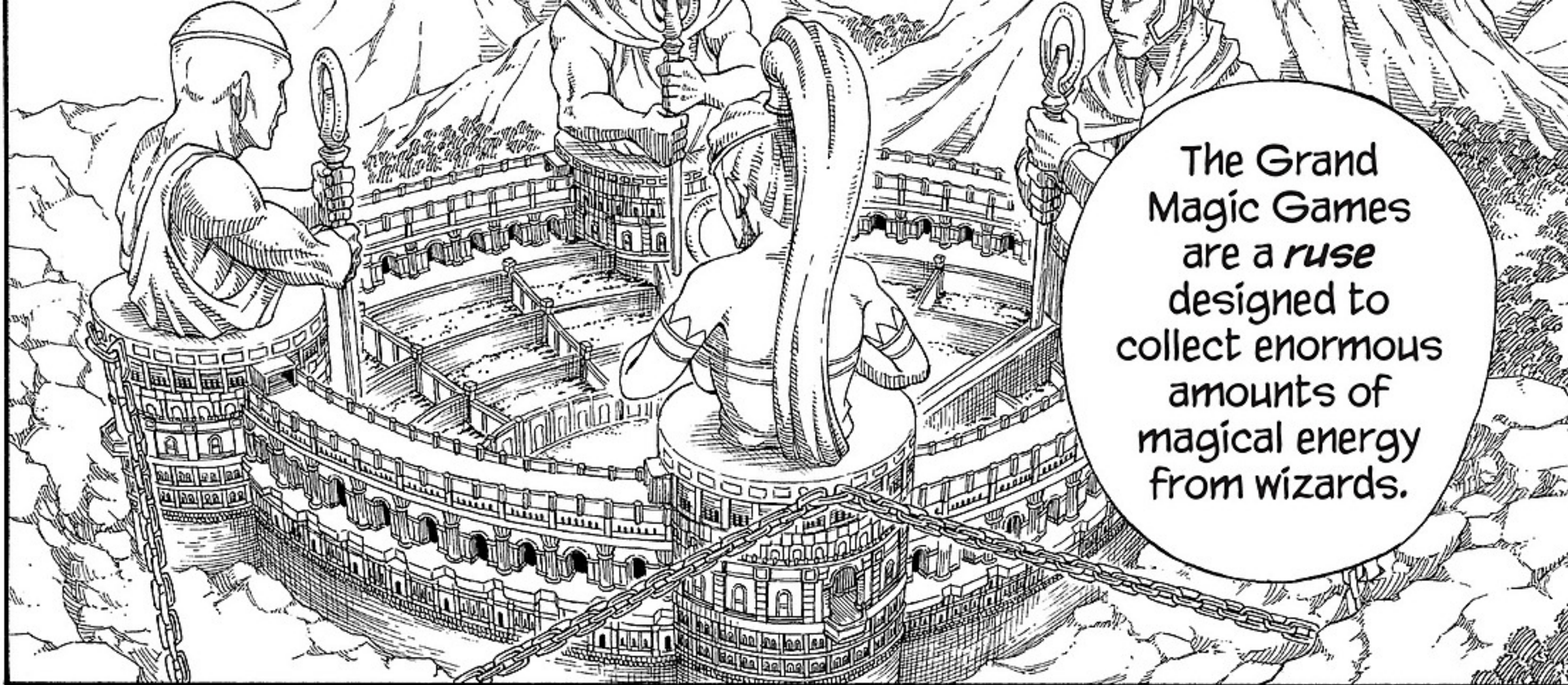












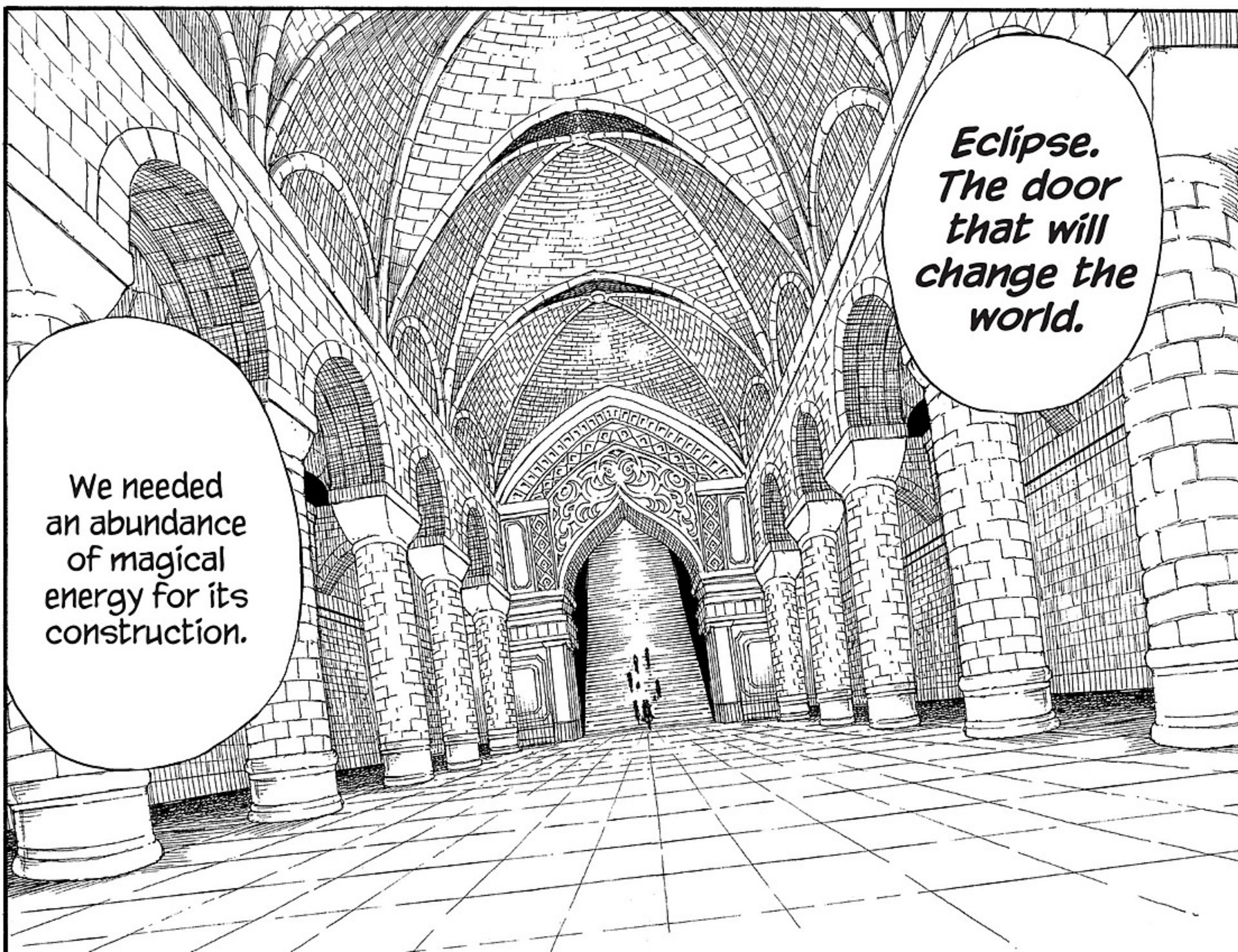
The Grand Magic Games are a *ruse* designed to collect enormous amounts of magical energy from wizards.



You may criticize as you like. We do it to aid us in a particular plan.

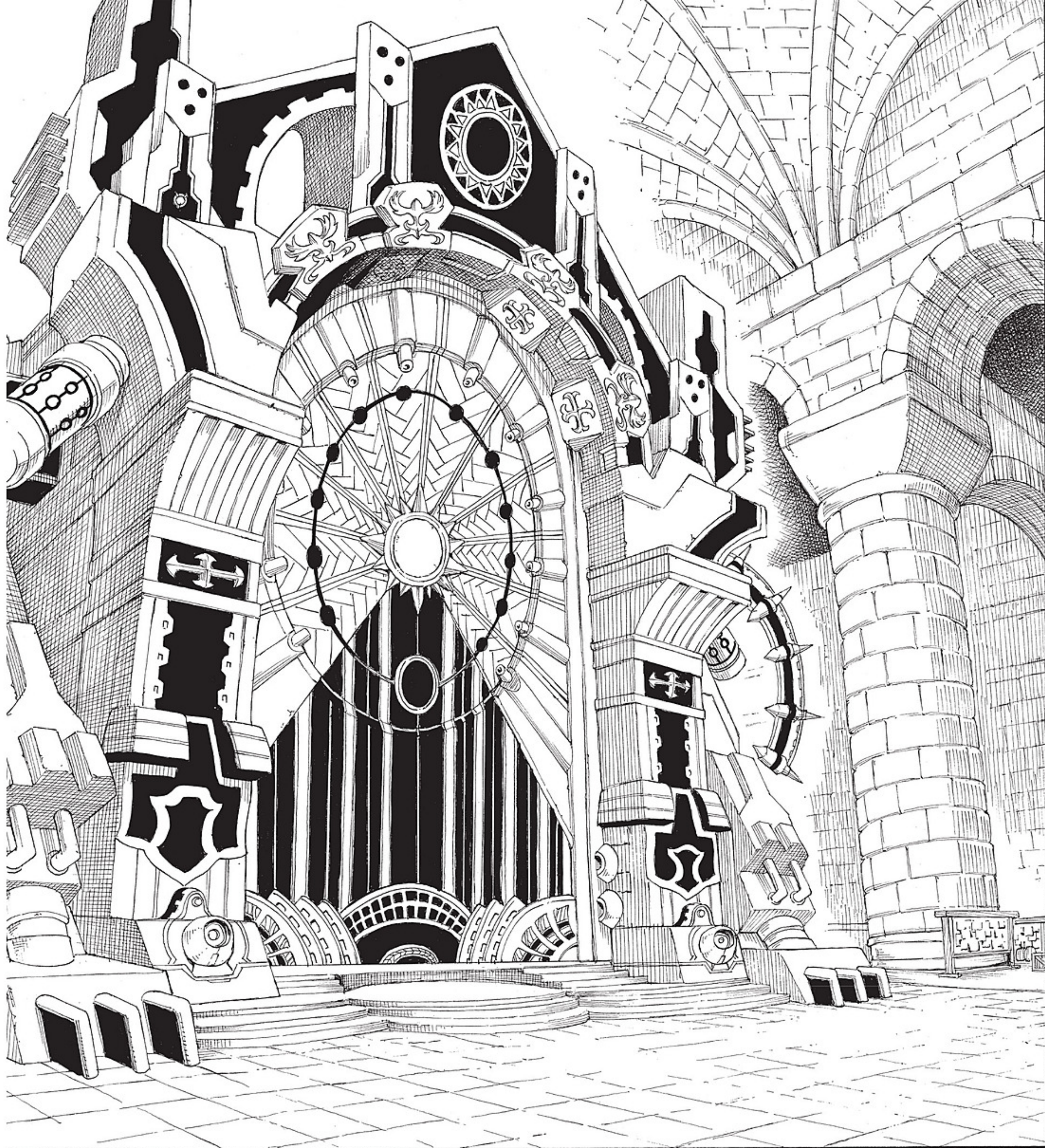
That's dirty!

So you're saying you steal magical energy from the wizards every year?



We needed an abundance of magical energy for its construction.

***Eclipse.
The door
that will
change the
world.***



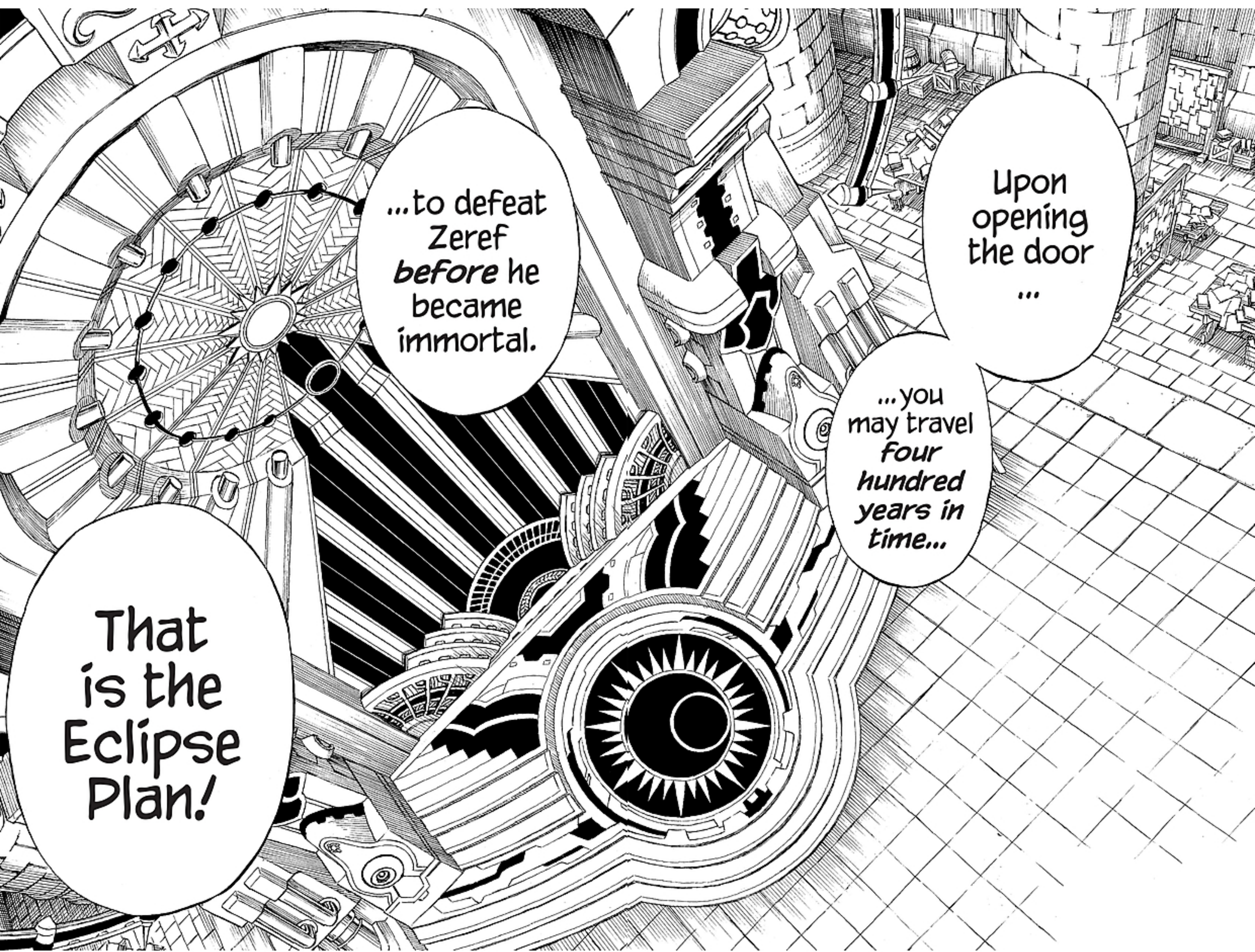
...bring the
twelve keys
and open
the door.

Upon the
alignment
of the sun
and the
moon...



What is
this?!

A
door
?!

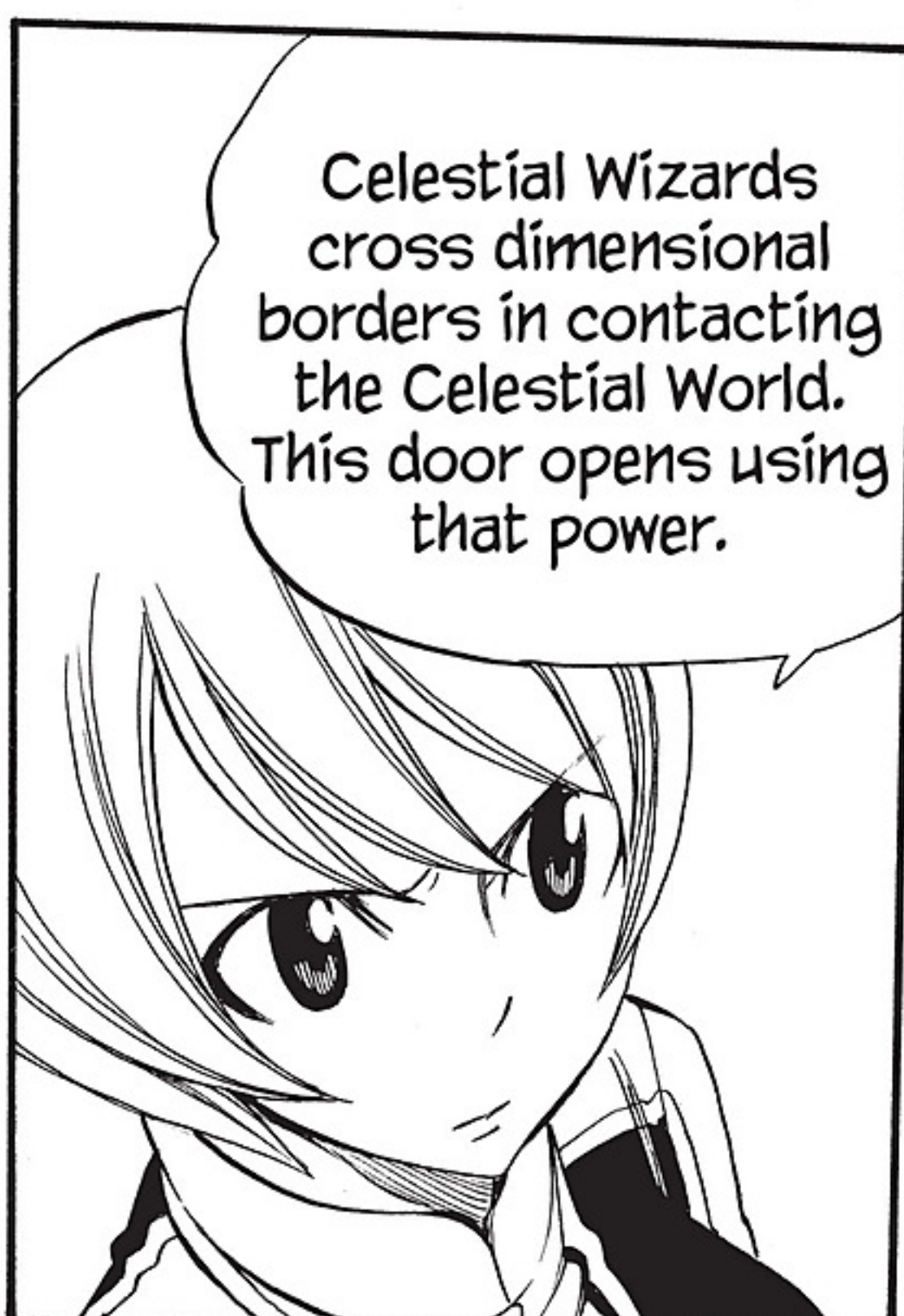
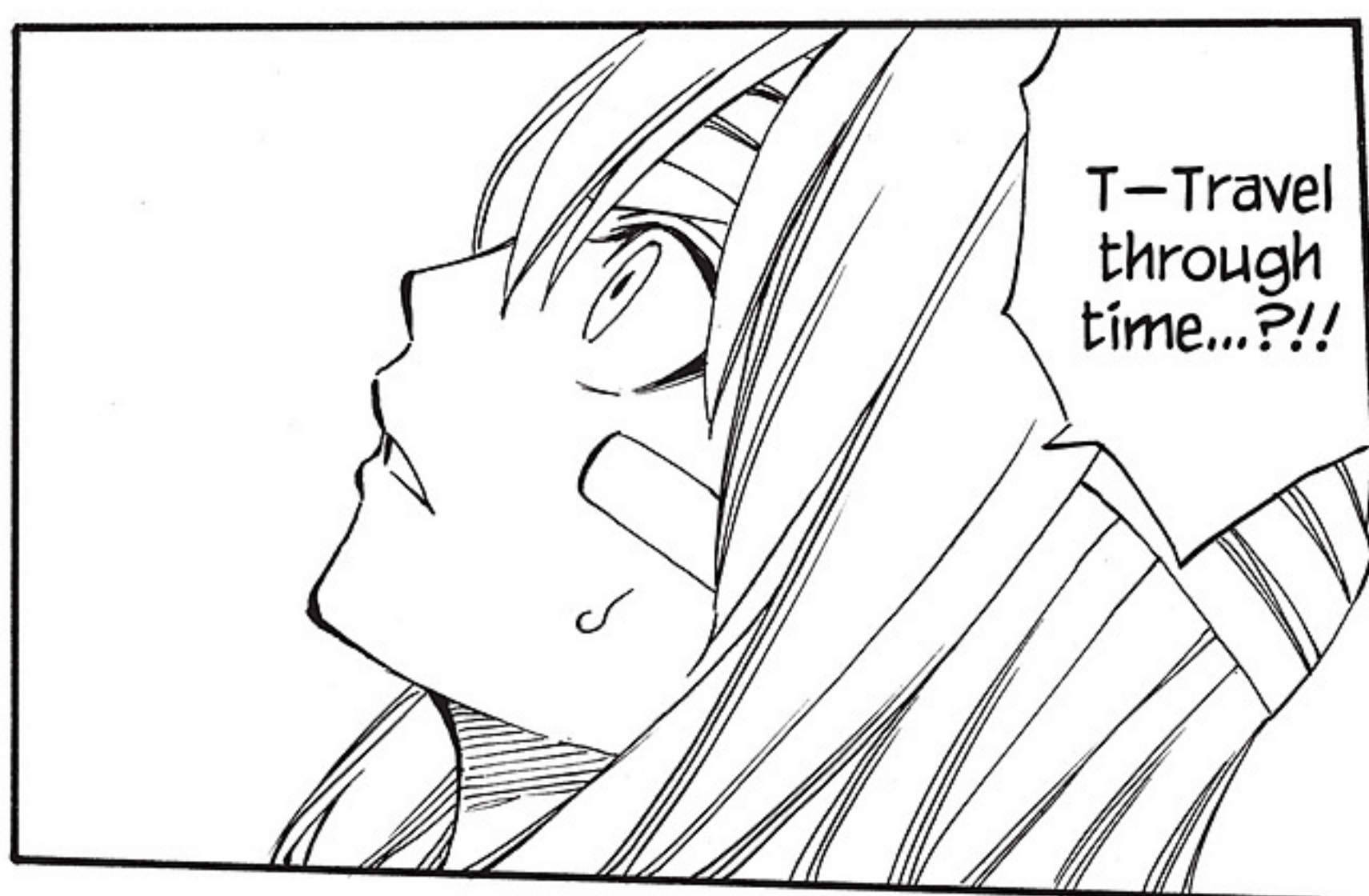


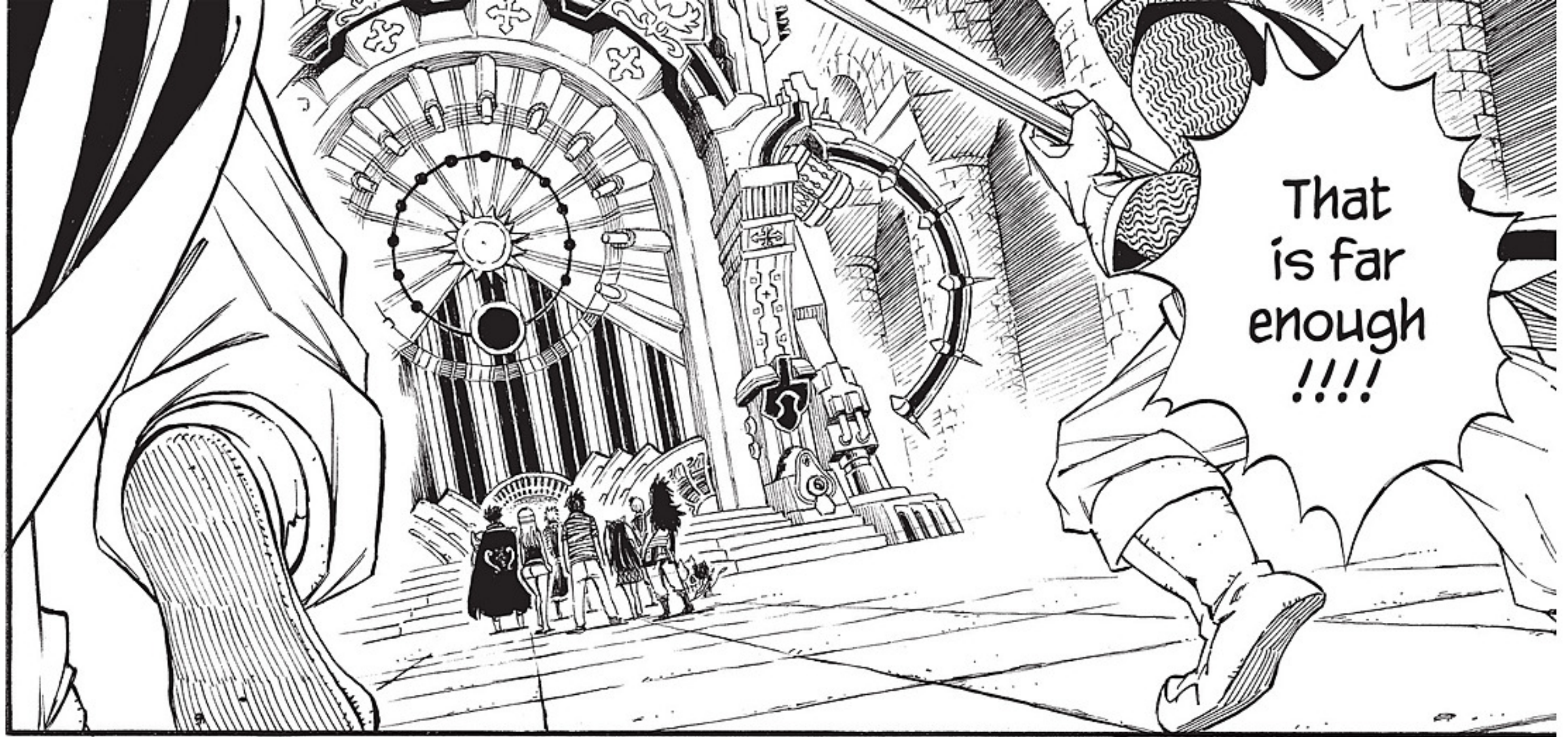
...to defeat
Zeref
before he
became
immortal.

Upon
opening
the door
...

...you
may travel
four
hundred
years in
time...

That
is the
Eclipse
Plan!

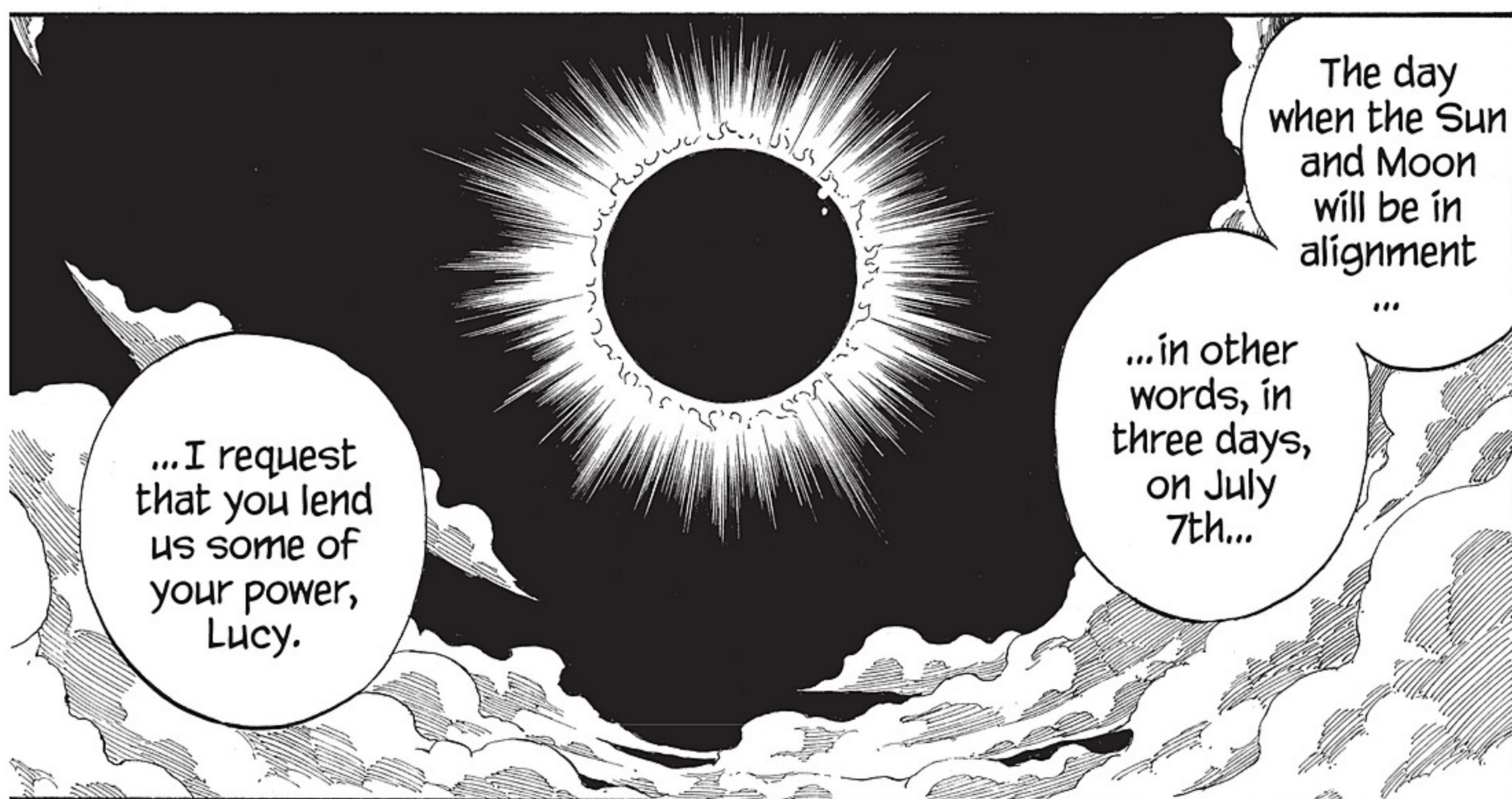






However, with real celestial wizards and the twelve keys gathered together, the plan is even more assured of success. Now, it could be said, celestial wizards are a *necessity* for the plan.

At first, our plan was to use magic similar to celestial magic as a substitute for the real thing.



...I request that you lend us some of your power, Lucy.

The day when the Sun and Moon will be in alignment

...

...in other words, in three days, on July 7th...



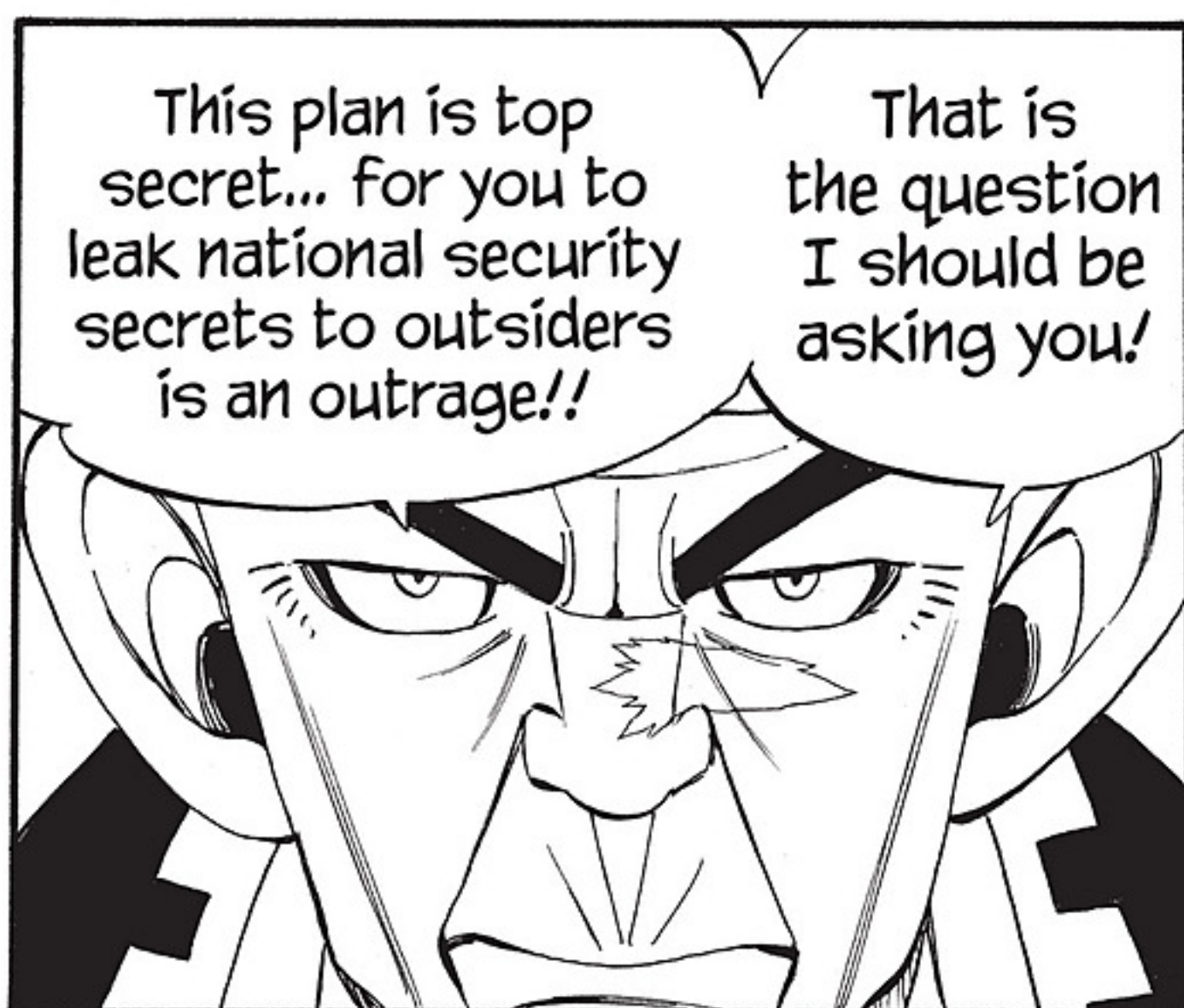
When the moon and sun align... Eclipse...

That's the day our dragons disappeared...

Just coincidence ...?

July 7th!

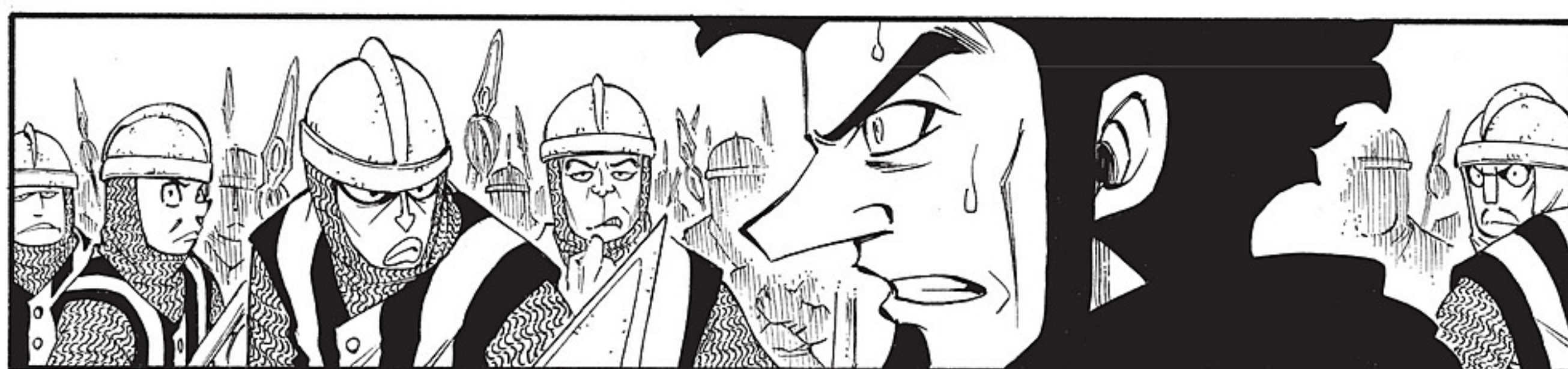
Huh?





**Of course I
oppose the
plan!!!!
It would
alter
history!!!!**

**Just think for
a second how
dangerous
that is, you
whelp!!!!**



Then that
changes the
present!

That's
true... If you
change the
past...



Change
history
...?





Arrest Yukino
Agrida and
Lucy Heartfilia
as well
!!!!

Colonel
Arcadios,
you are under
arrest for
suspicion of
treason against
king and
country!!!!

Eject the
rest from
the palace
!!!!



You
jerks
...



Wait!
What
am I...



What
?!!



Stop!!!
You must
not use
magic
here!!!!



BWOOGGGH

You
got Lucy
mixed up
in this...

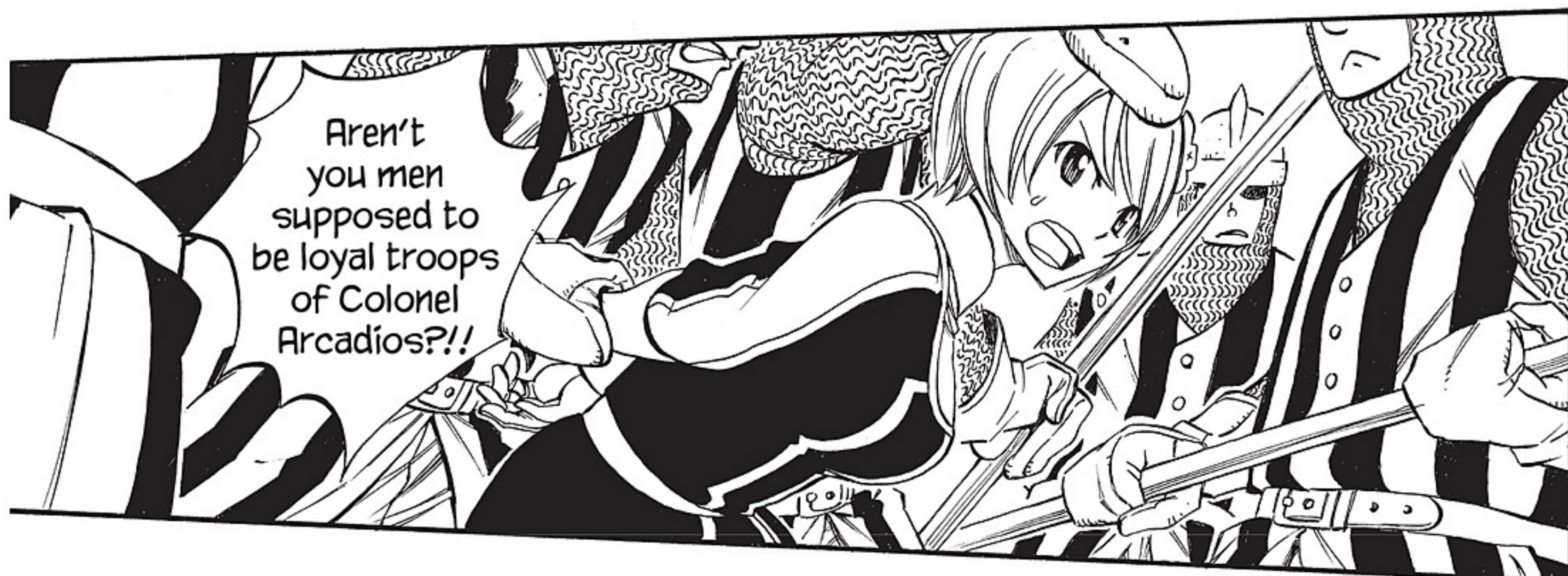
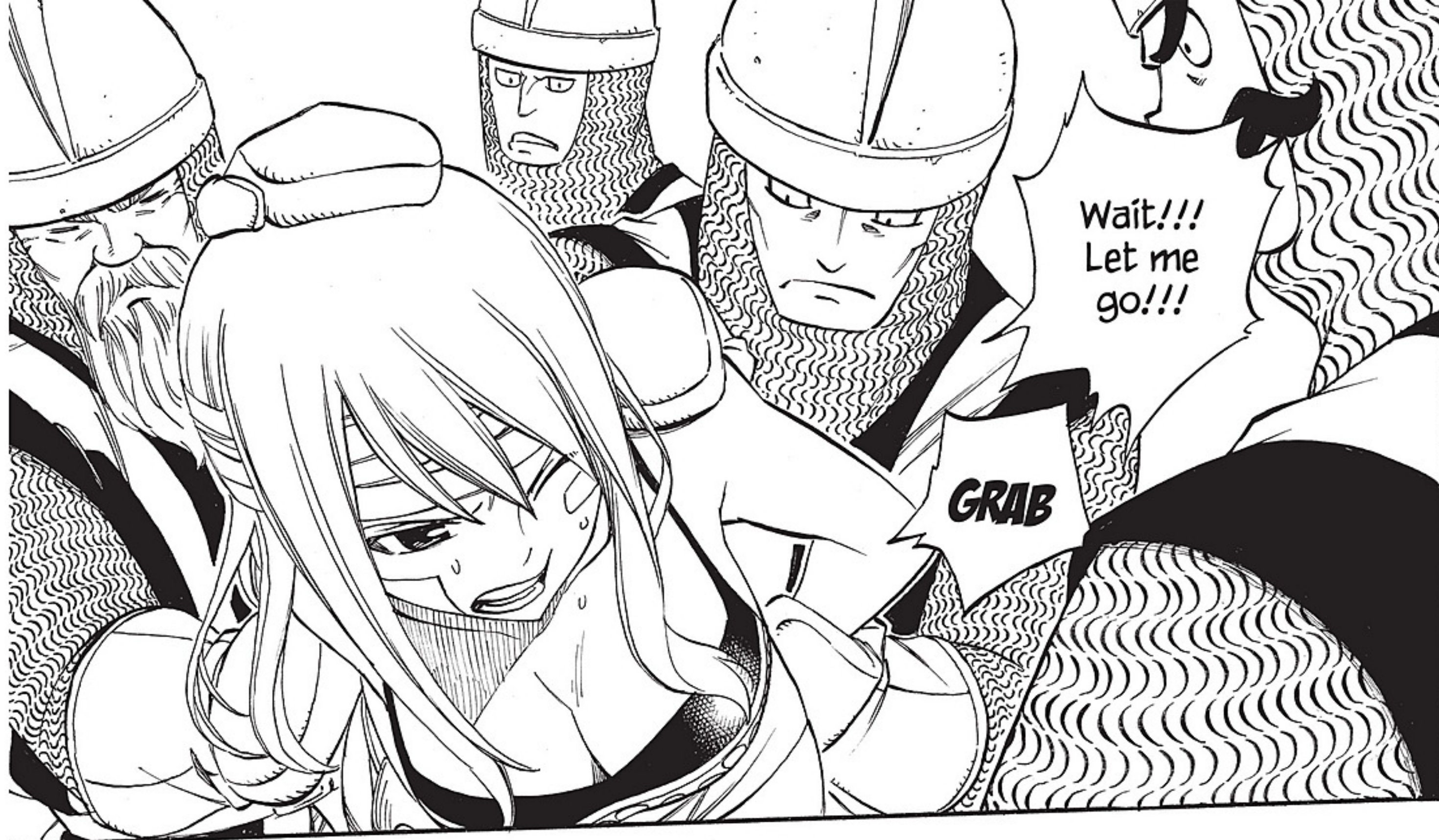


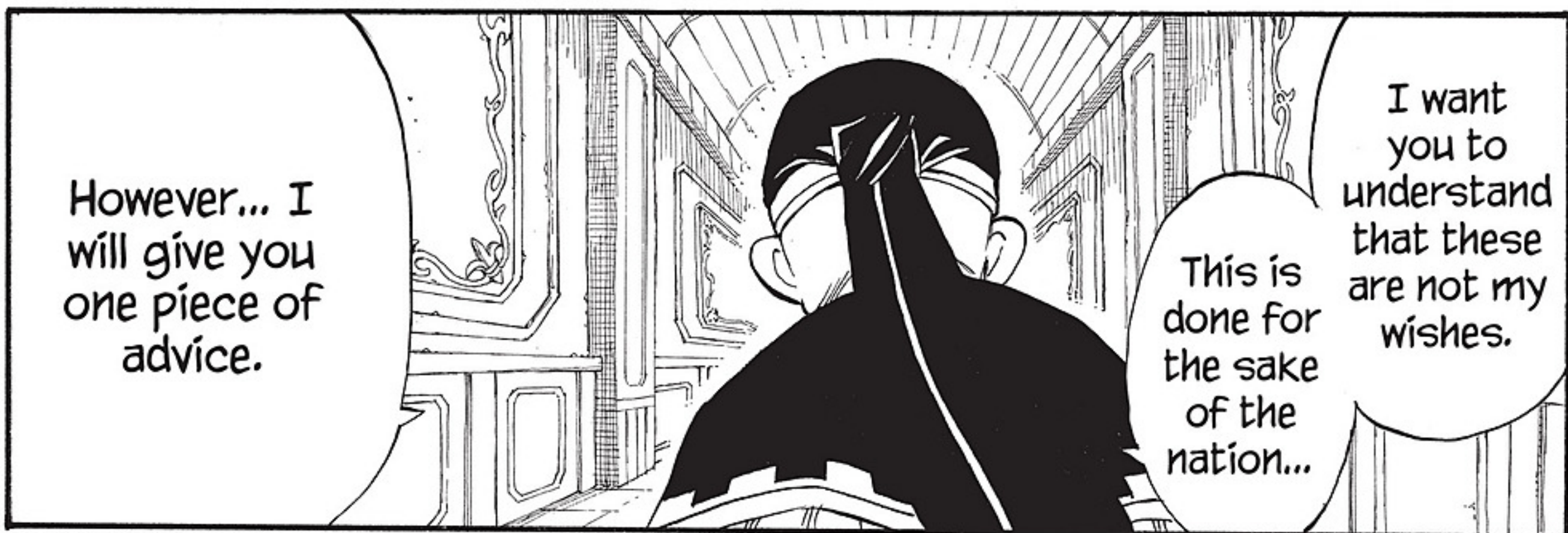
KEEEEN



Didn't he tell you that there was a system to collect small amounts of magic during the Grand Magic Games and send it to the Eclipse gate?

Of course, if you are this close to the system and try to use magic, it steals all of your strength!

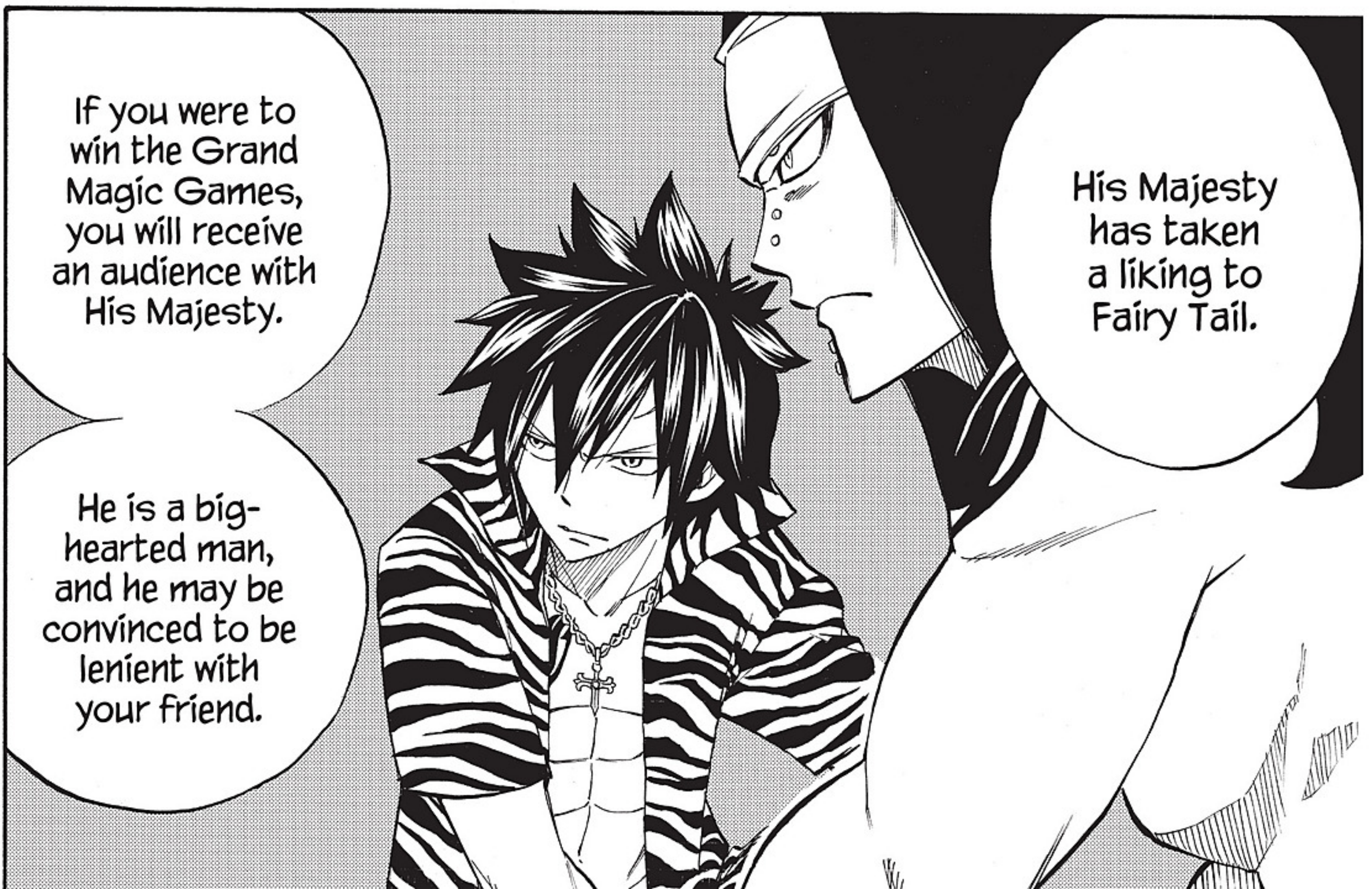




However... I
will give you
one piece of
advice.

This is
done for
the sake
of the
nation...

I want
you to
understand
that these
are not my
wishes.



If you were to
win the Grand
Magic Games,
you will receive
an audience with
His Majesty.

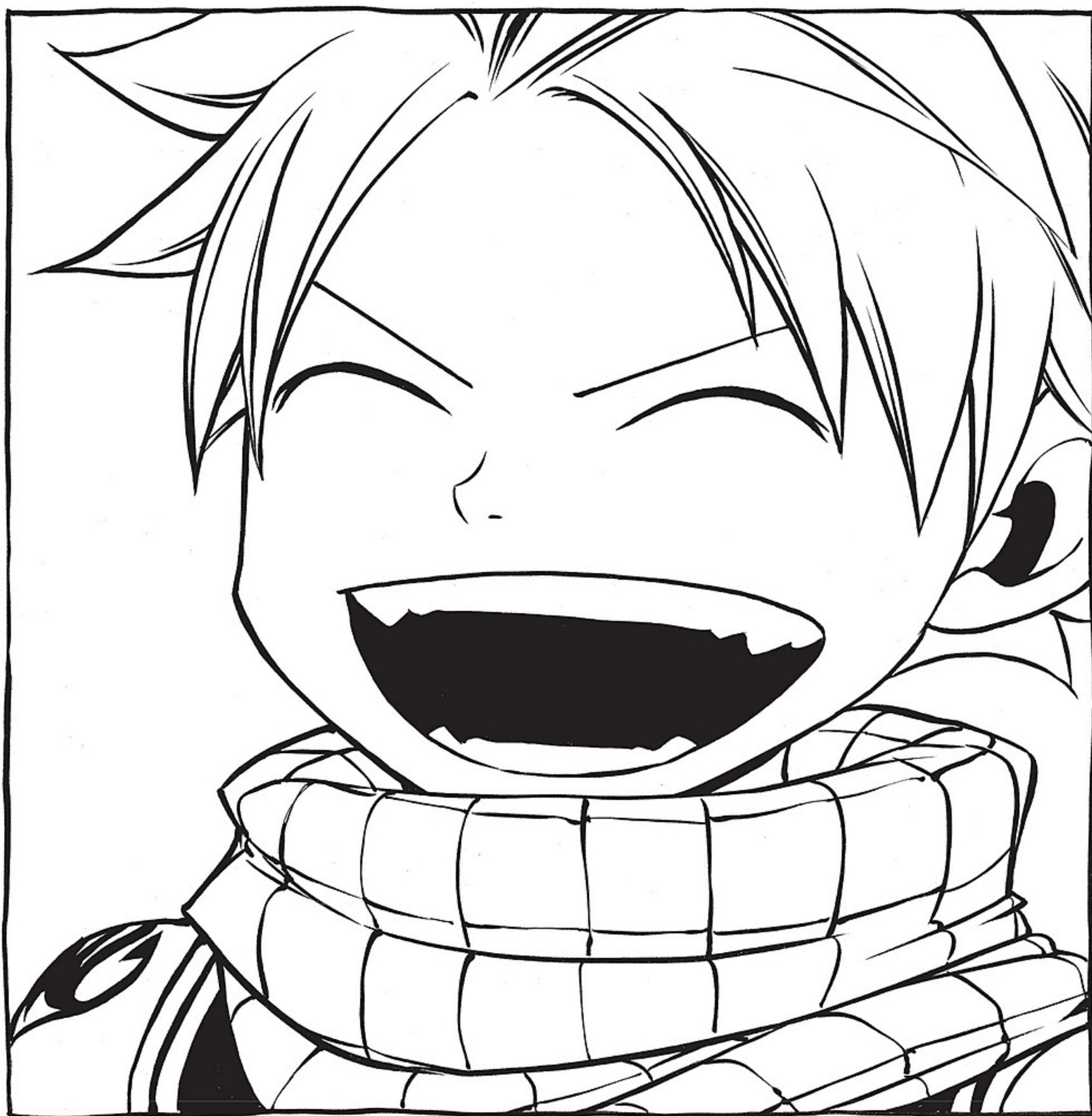
He is a big-
hearted man,
and he may be
convinced to be
lenient with
your friend.

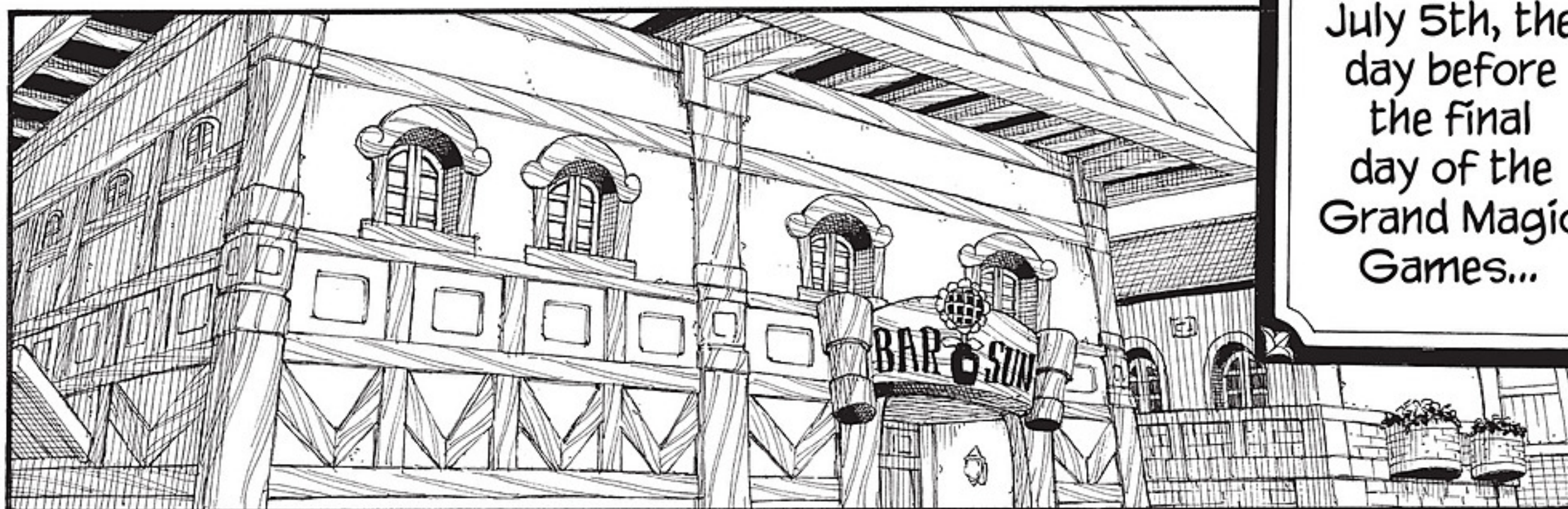
His Majesty
has taken
a liking to
Fairy Tail.

Fairy Tail

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Chapter 303: A Two-Front Battle Plan





July 5th, the
day before
the final
day of the
Grand Magic
Games...



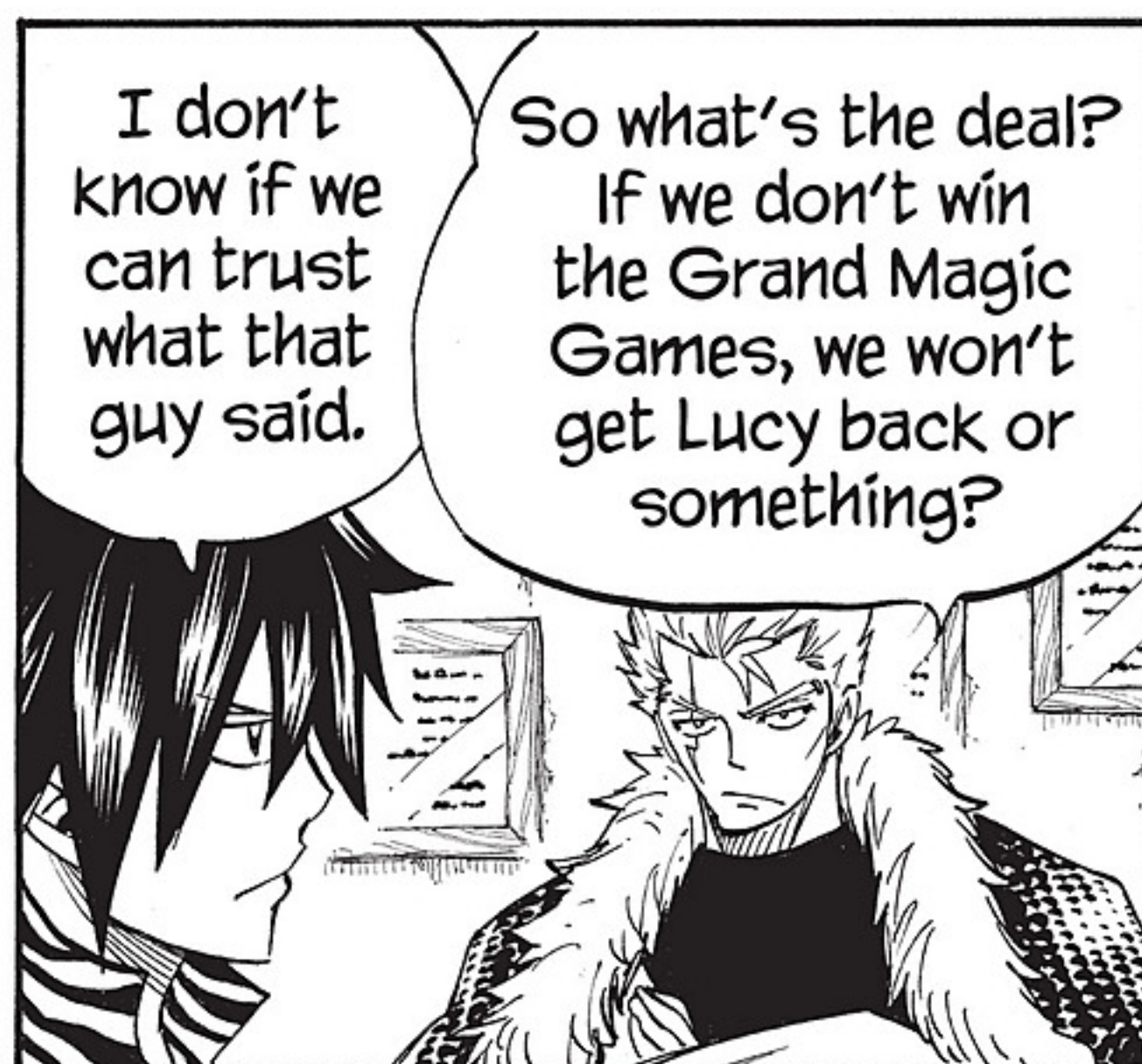
And she's been
charged as a
collaborator in
some strange
plan?

You say
Lucy's been
arrested by
the Royal
Army?

**What's
this?!**

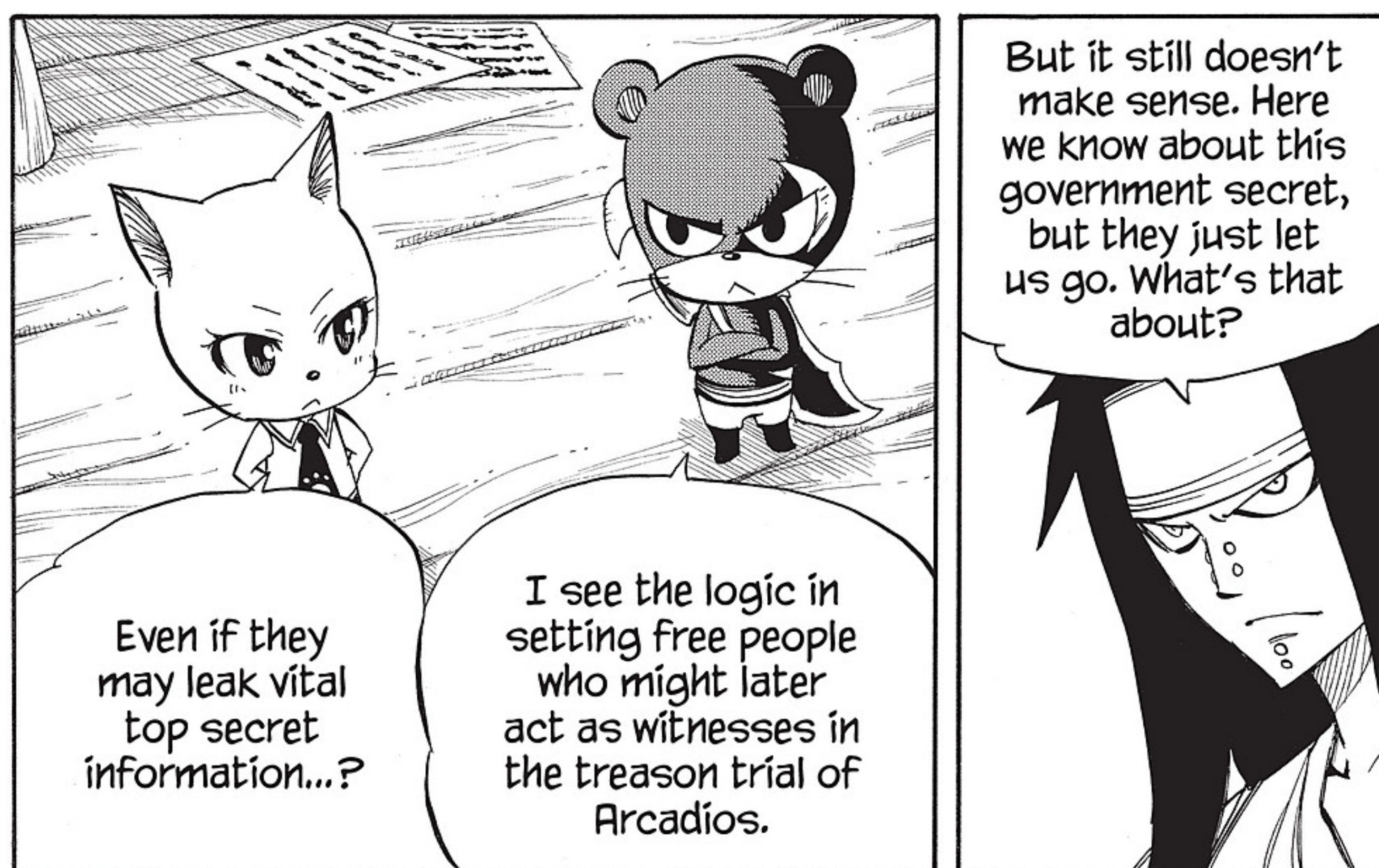


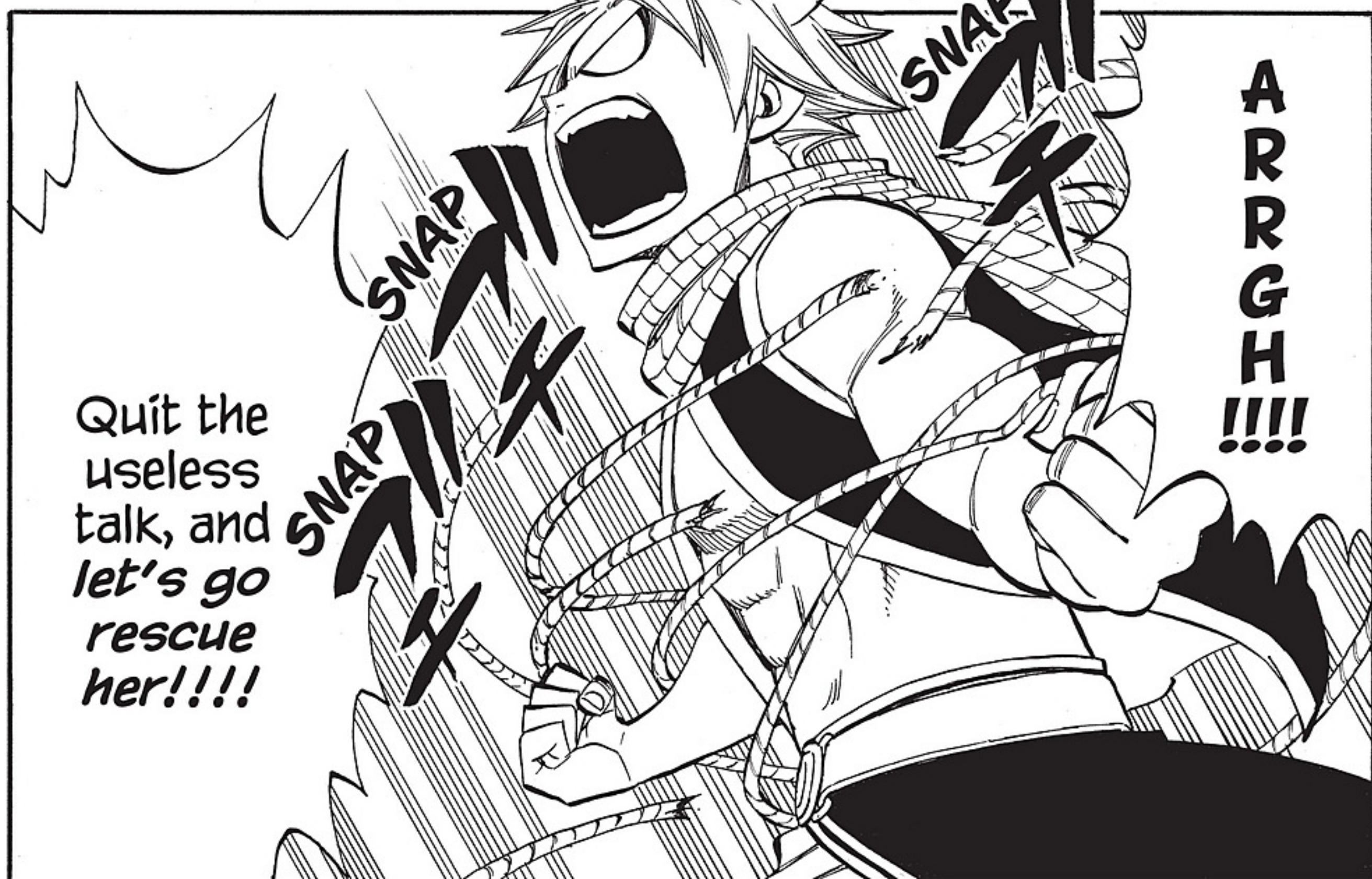
What *I'm*
saying is
who cares
about
that?!

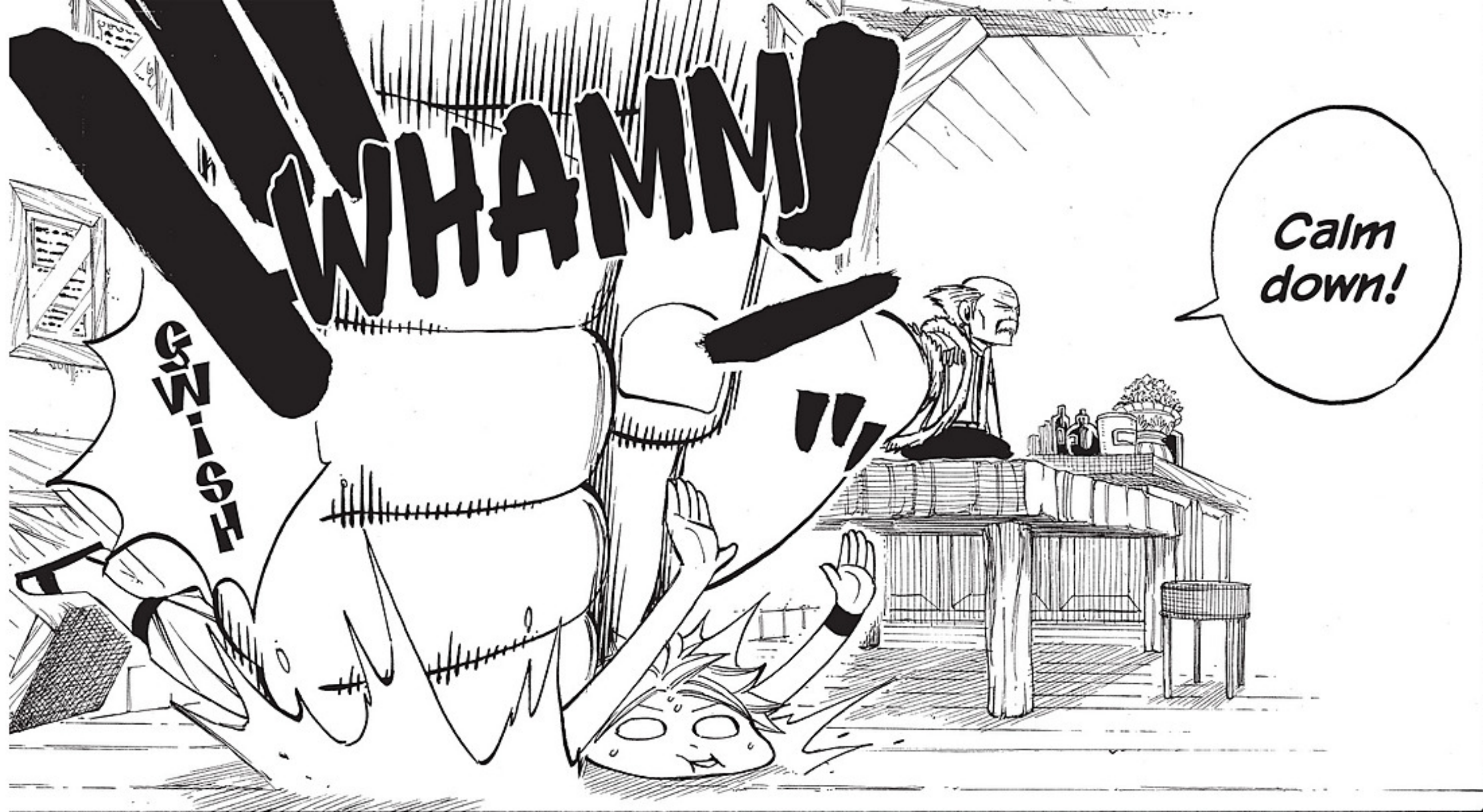


I don't
know if we
can trust
what that
guy said.

So what's the deal?
If we don't win
the Grand Magic
Games, we won't
get Lucy back or
something?









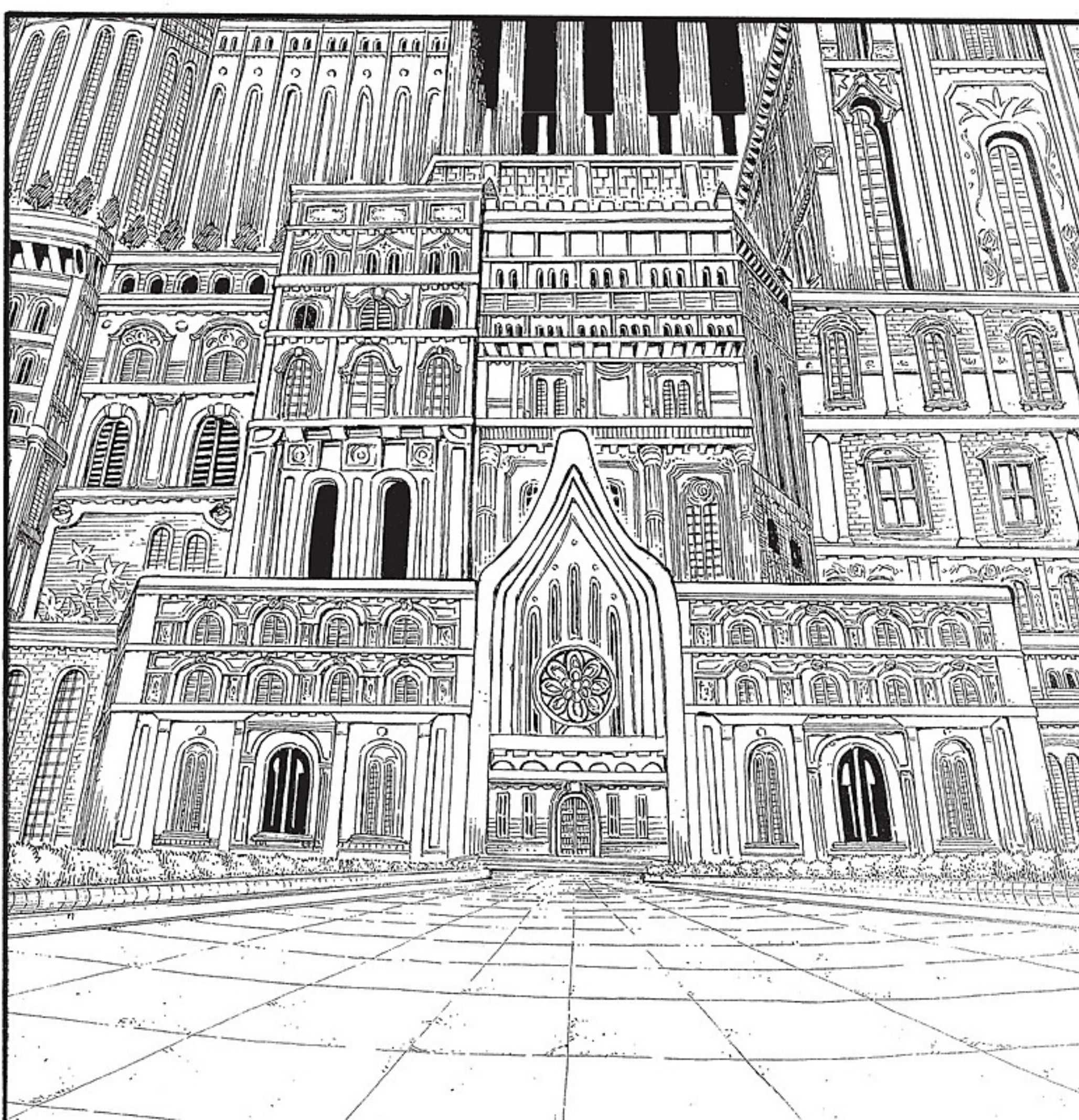
I know we
always go in full
throttle without
a plan...

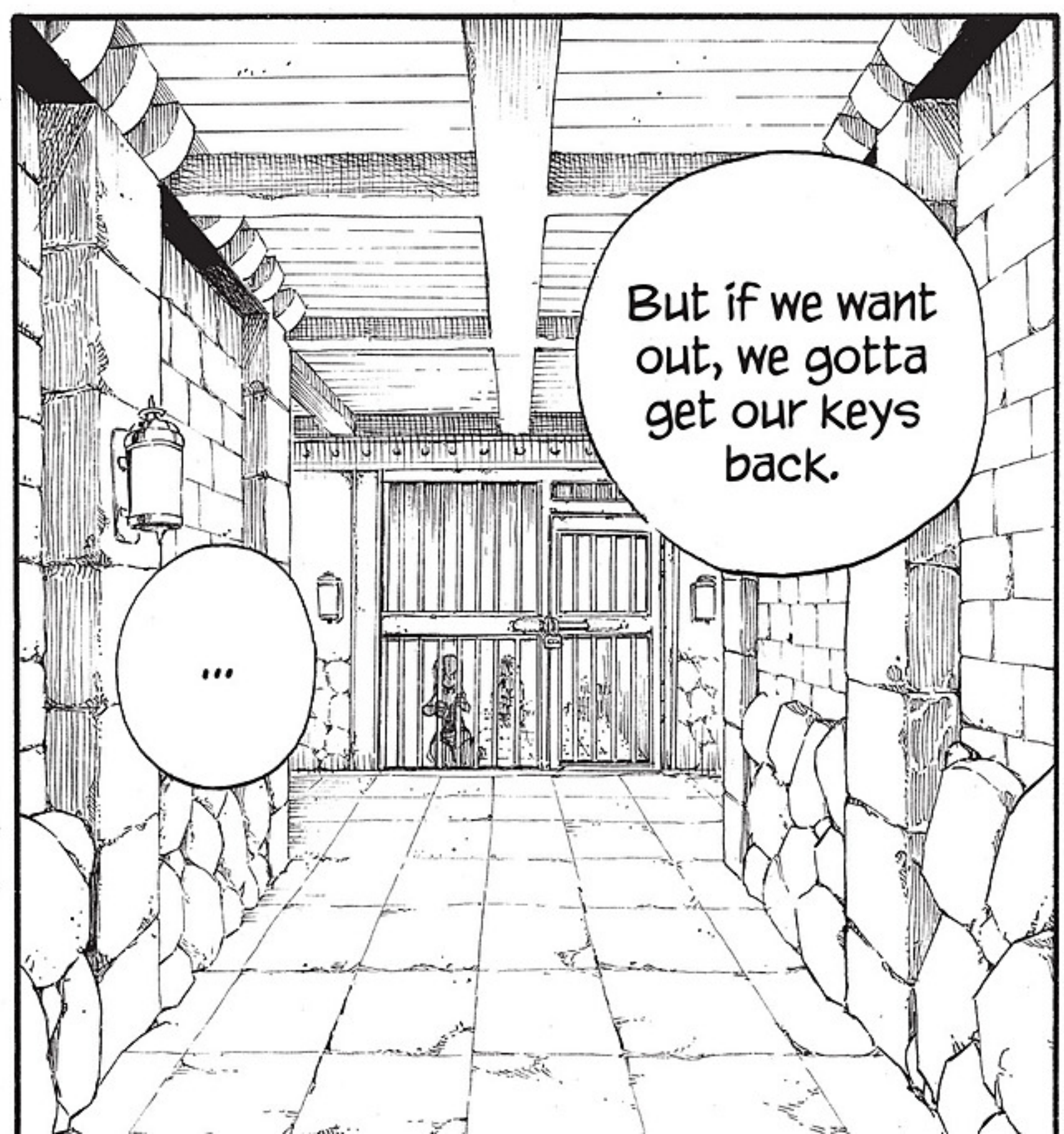
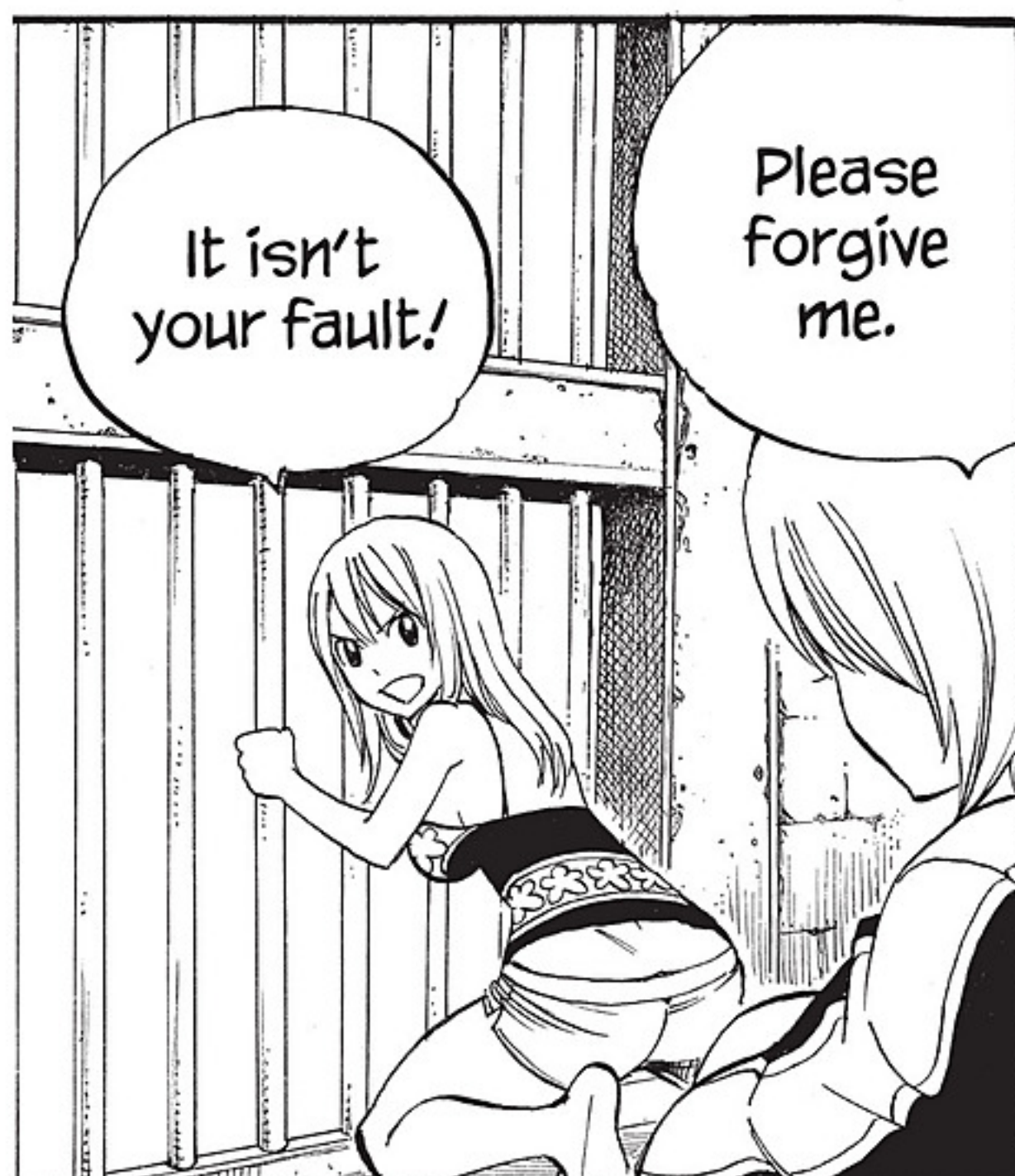
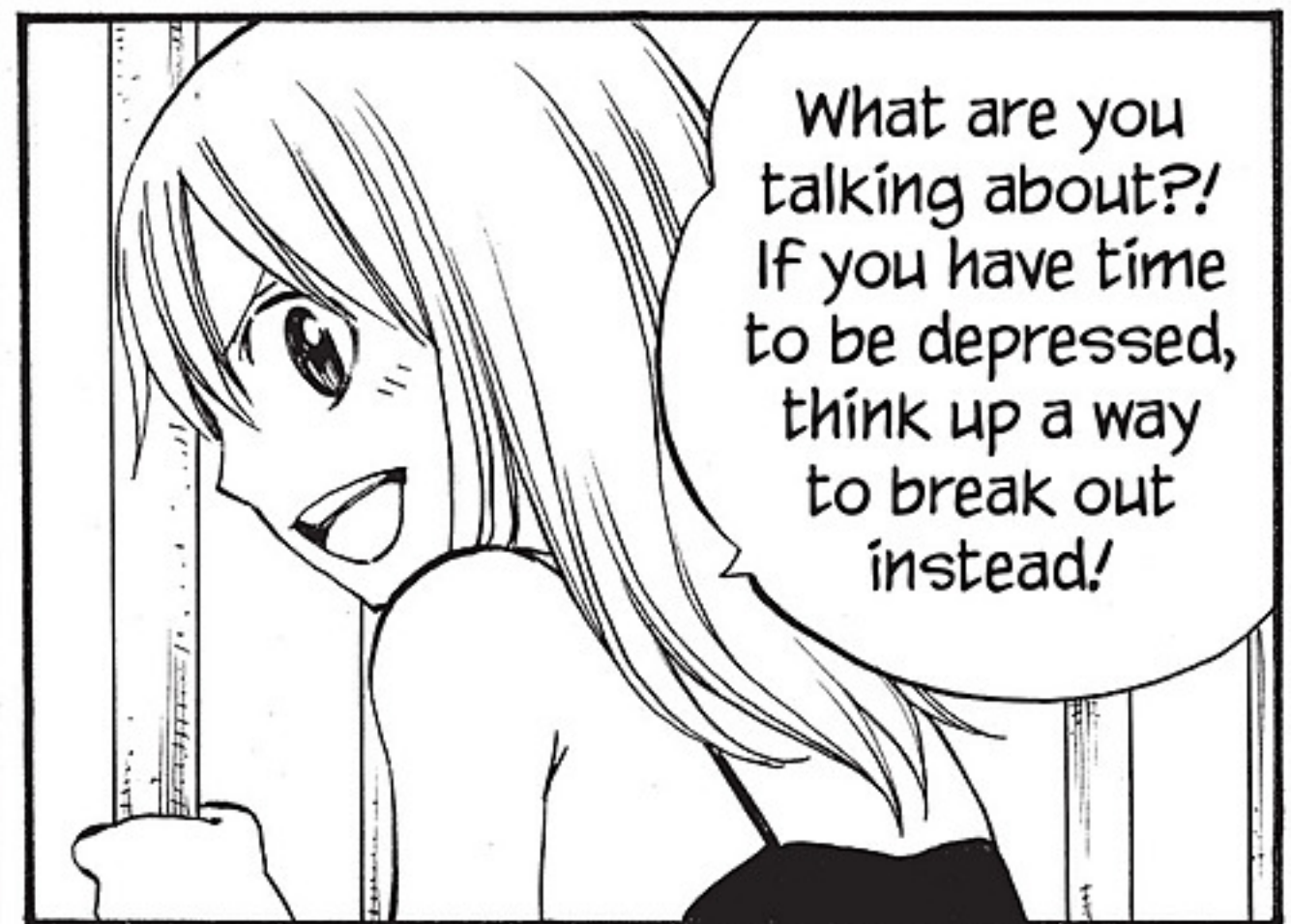
...but that's
not a good
idea against
this enemy.

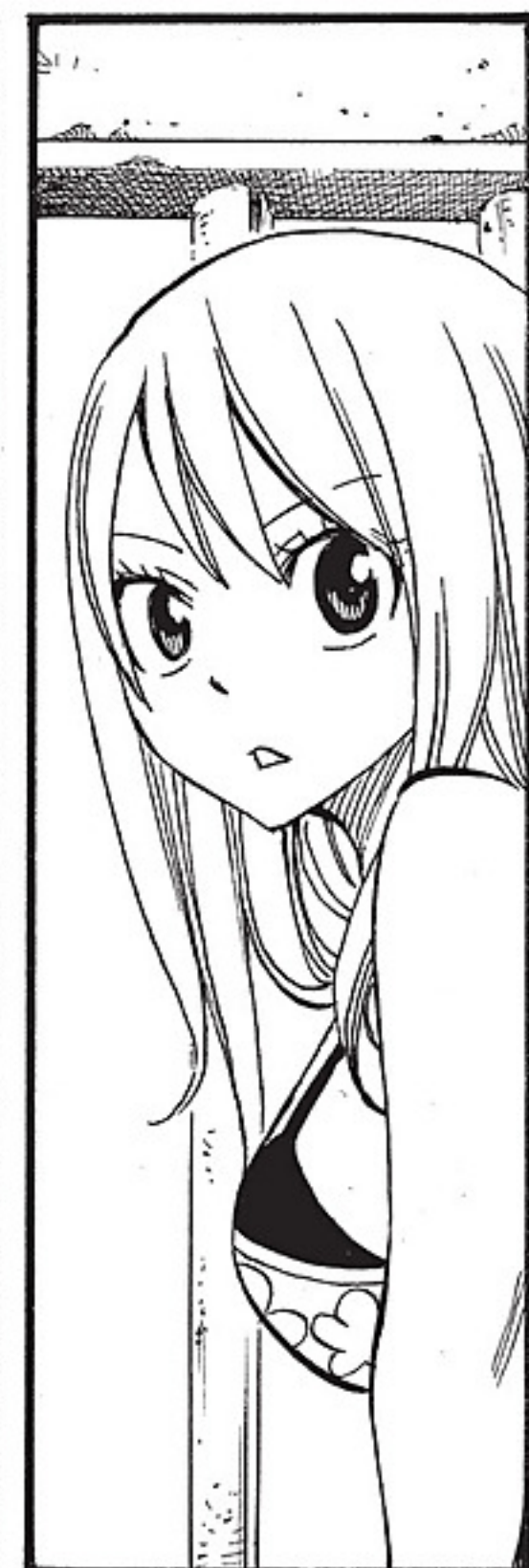
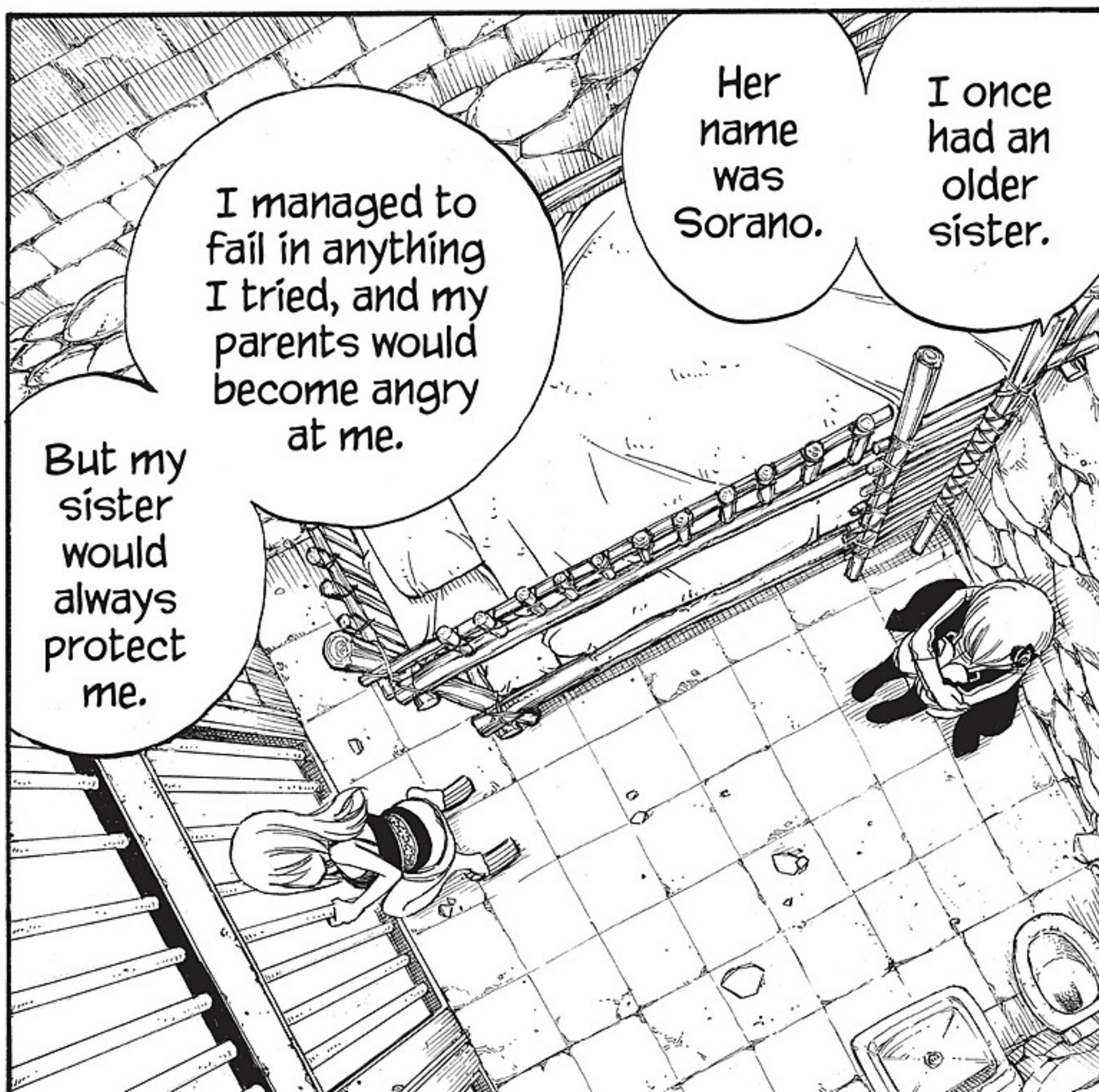
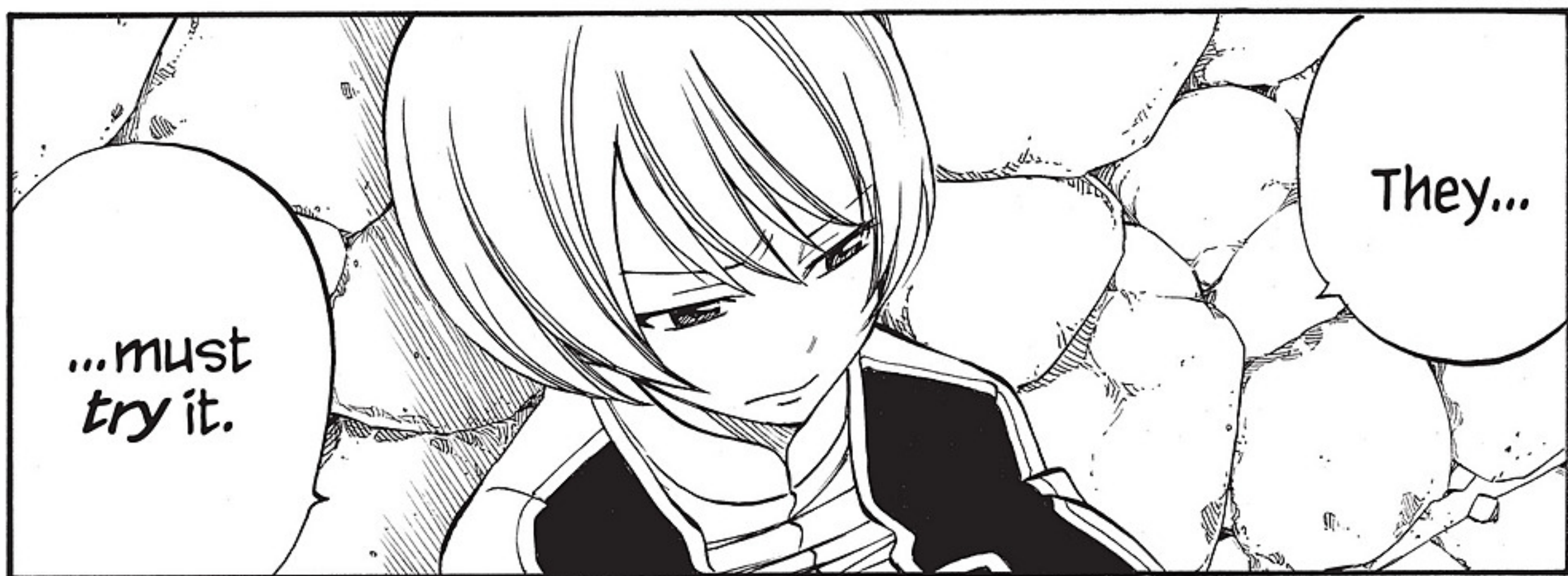
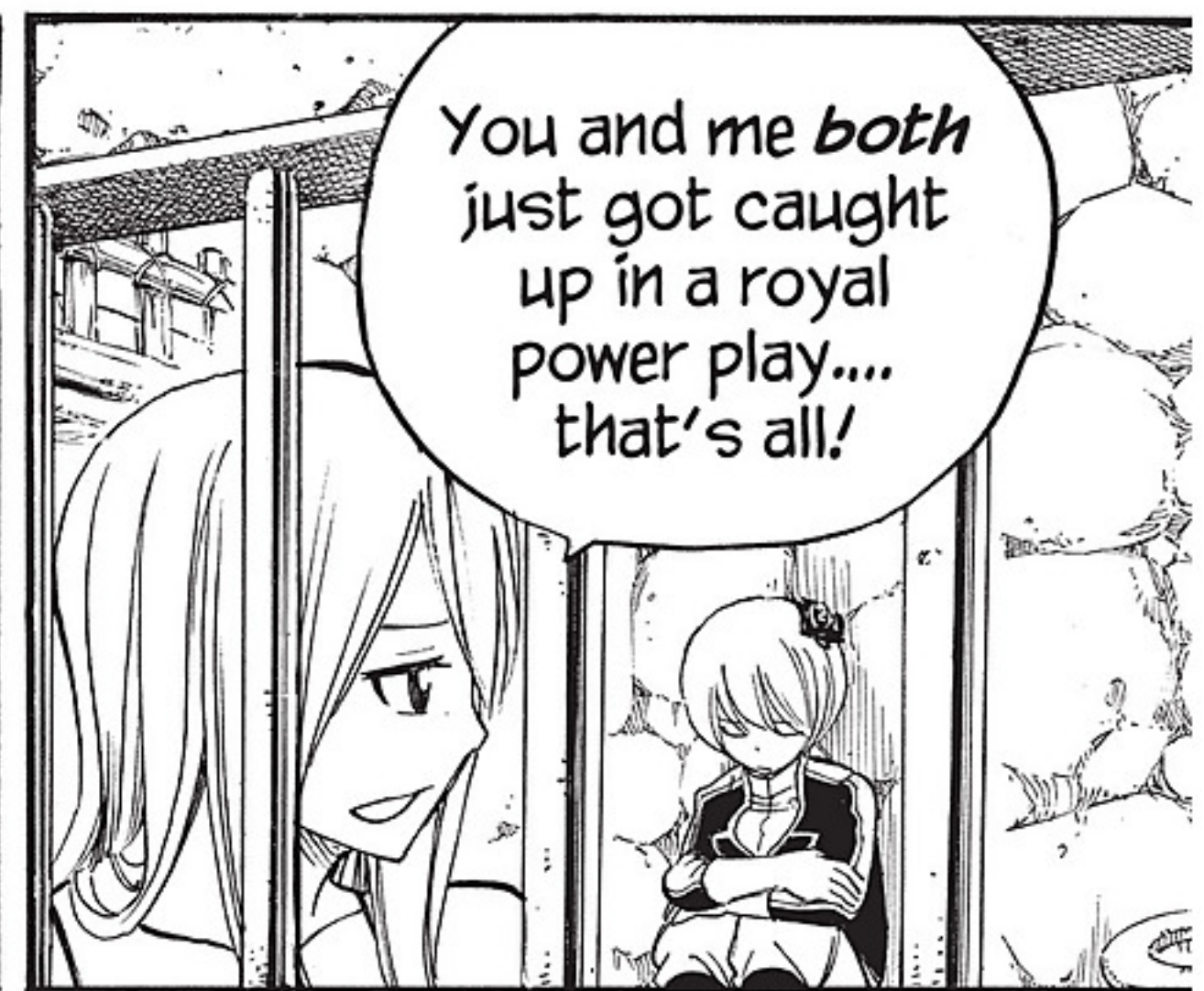


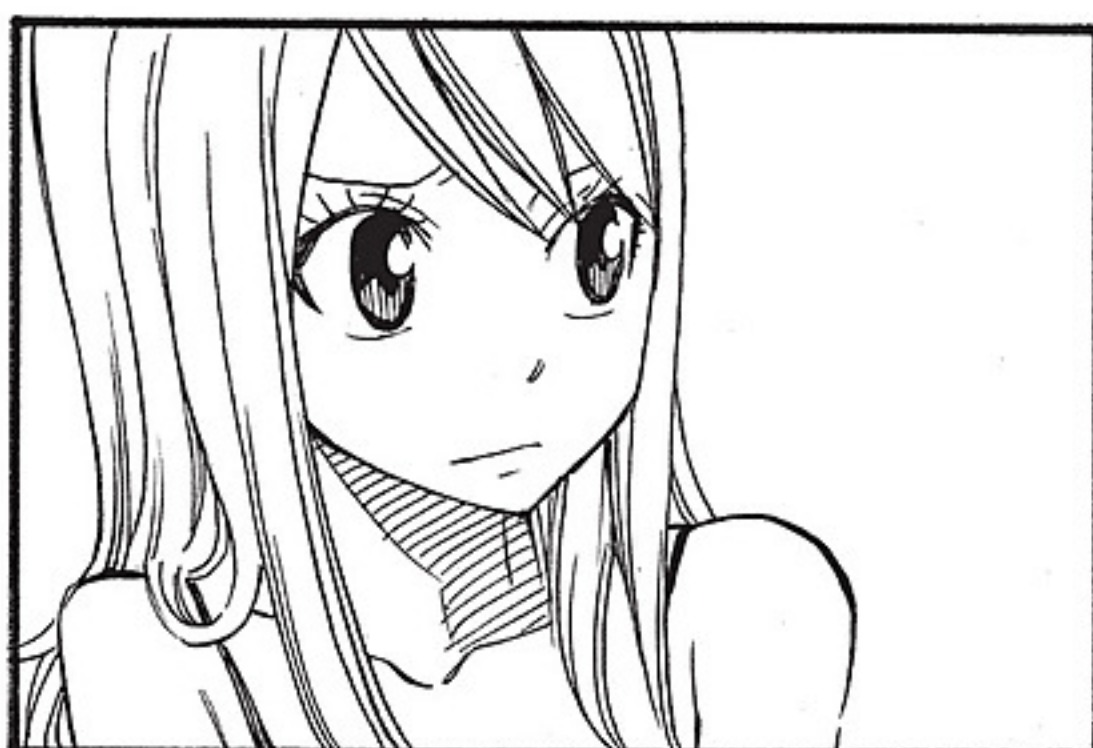
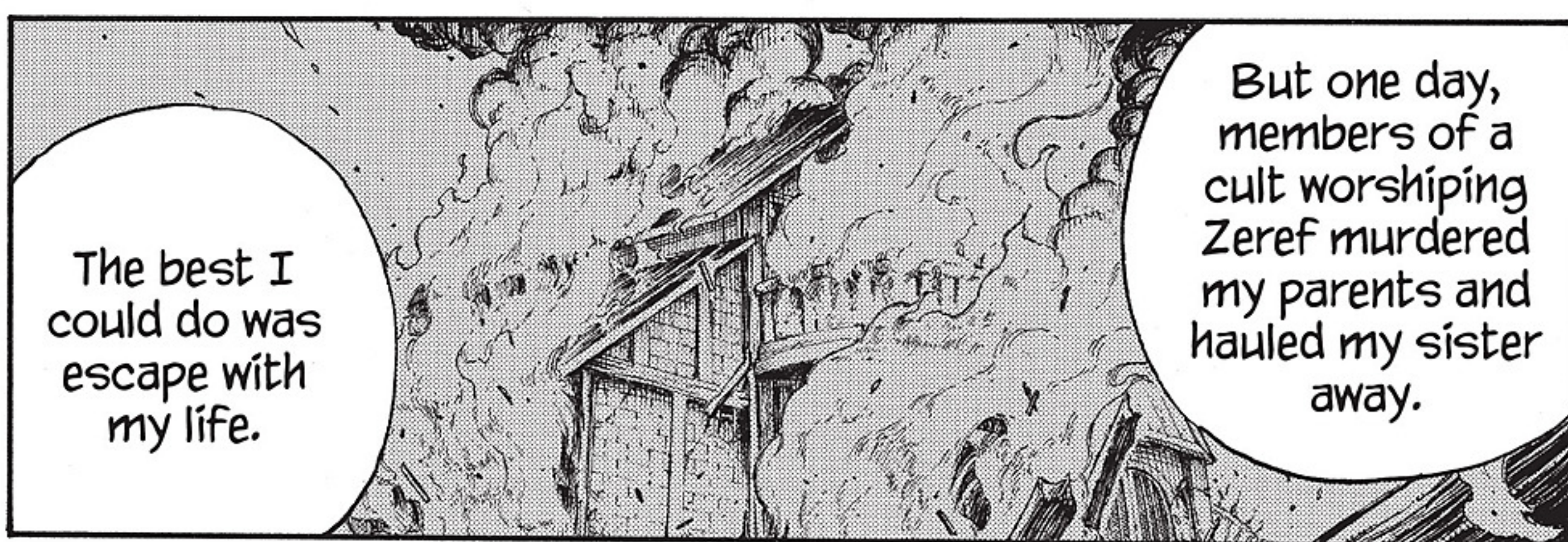
Not
Fairy
Tail!

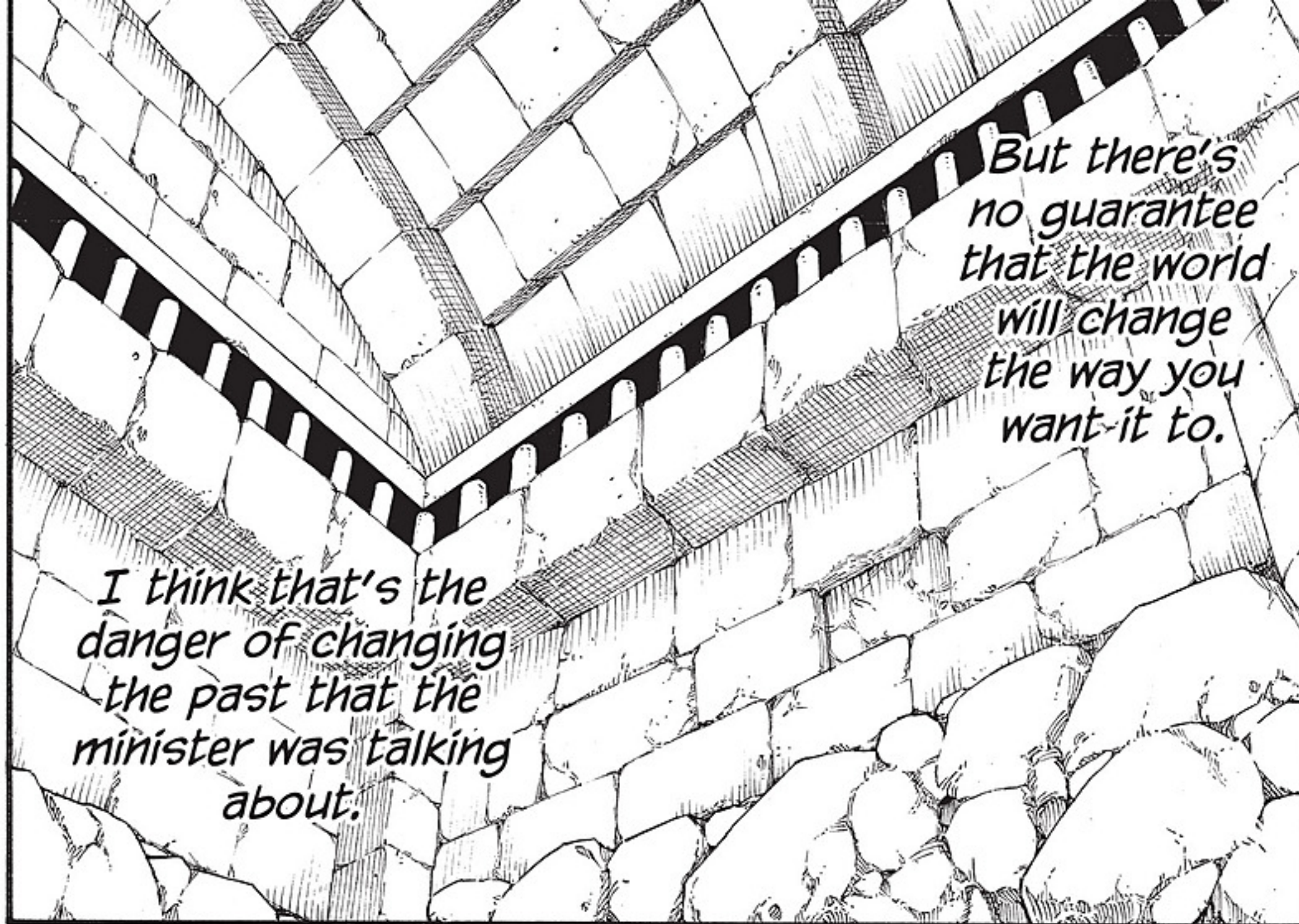
Still...we're
not so
cowardly
that we
can remain
silent
about this.





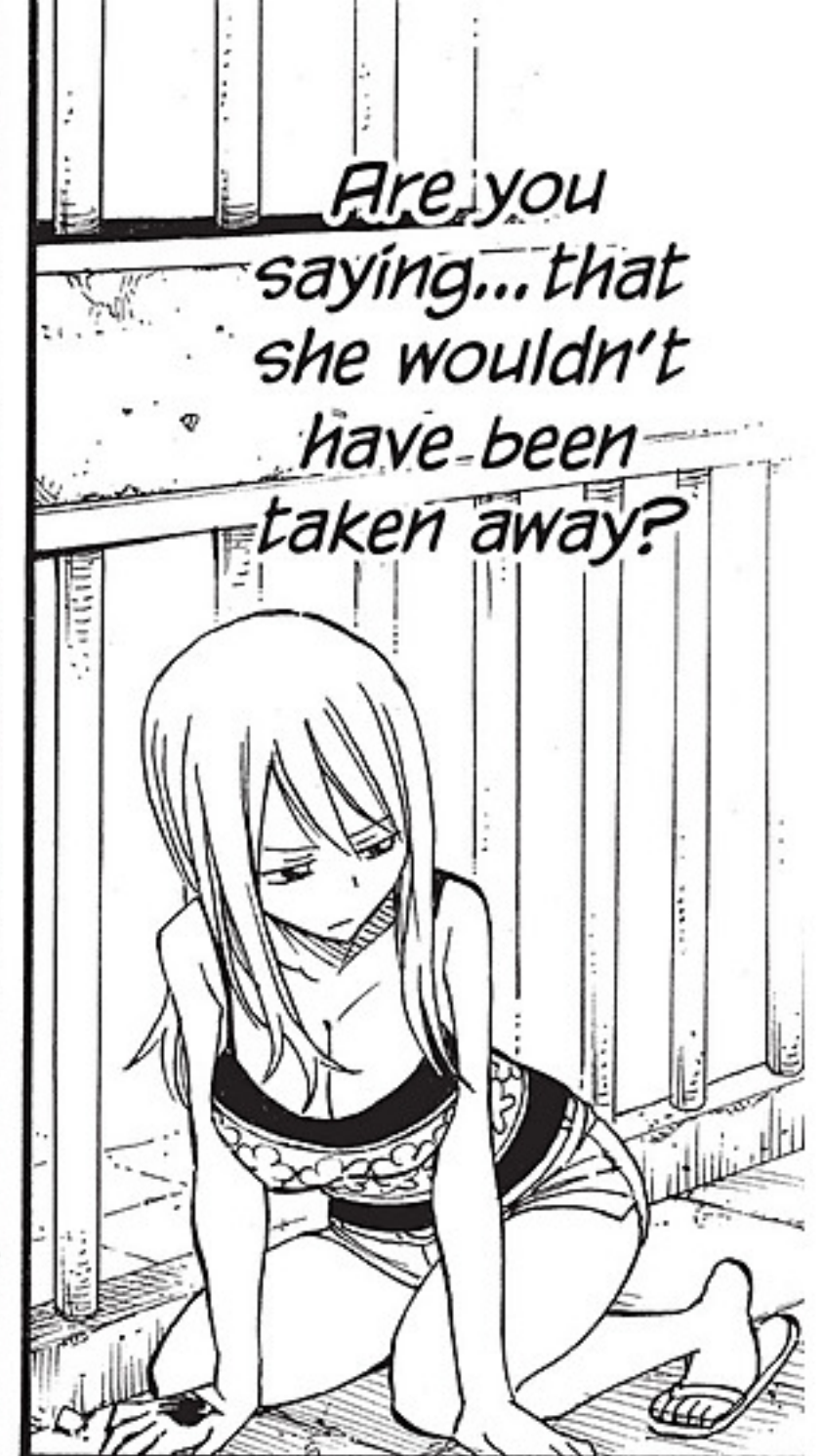




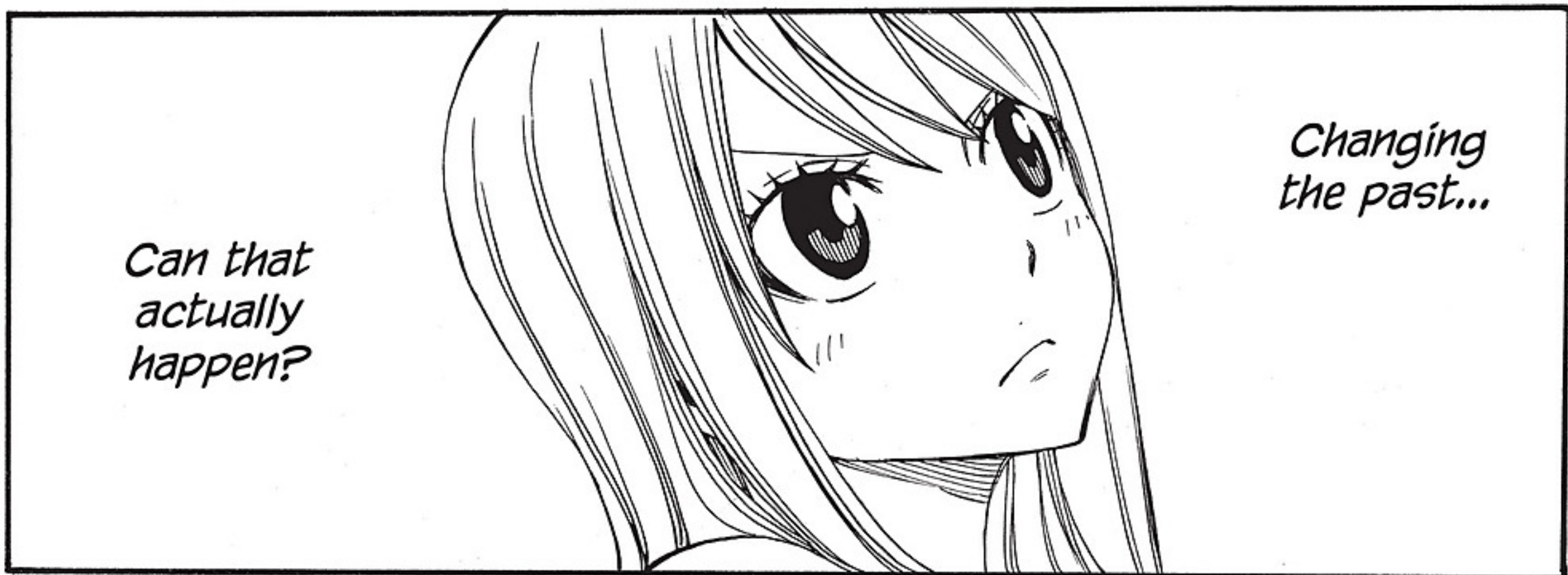


I think that's the danger of changing the past that the minister was talking about.

But there's no guarantee that the world will change the way you want it to.

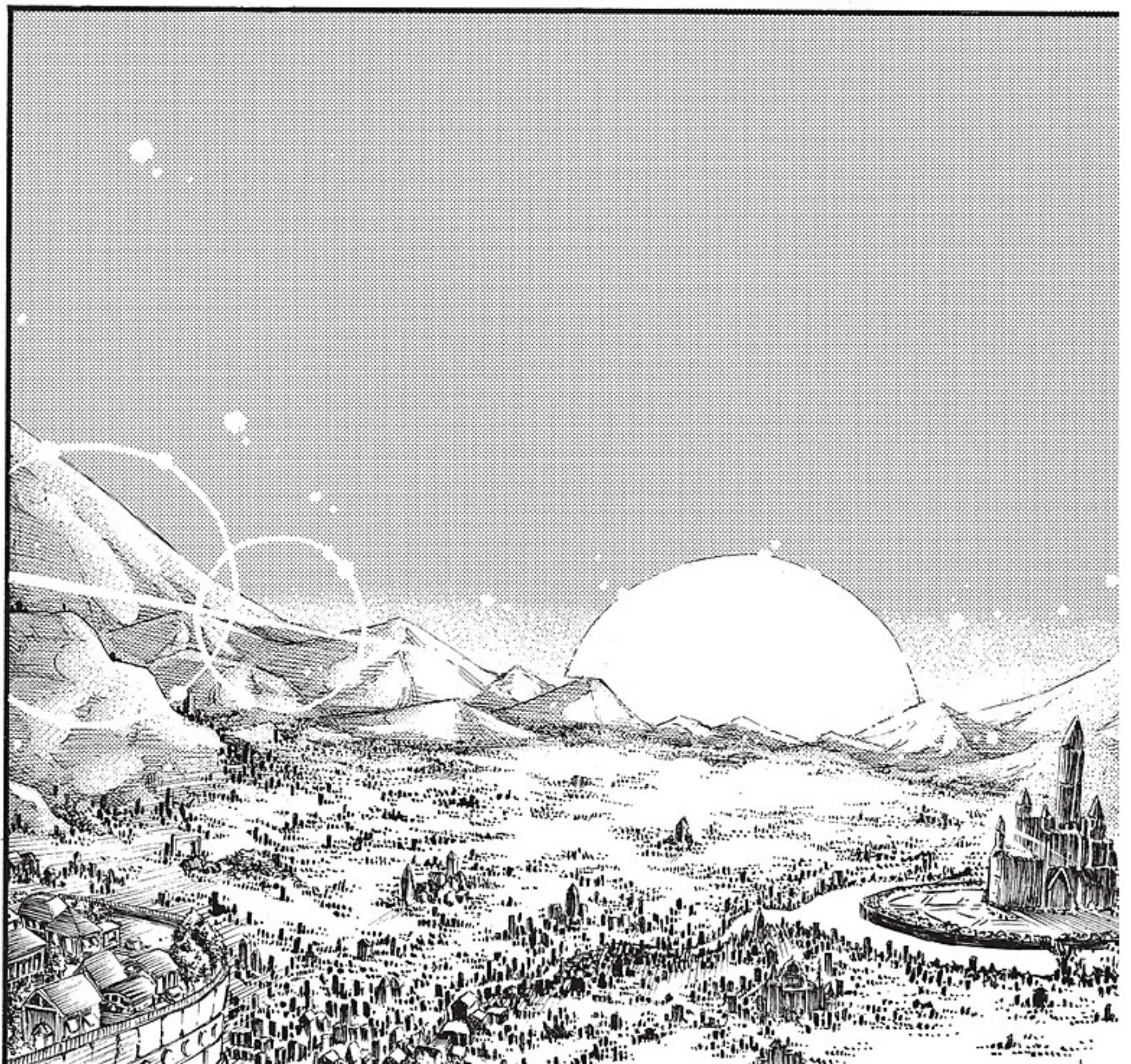
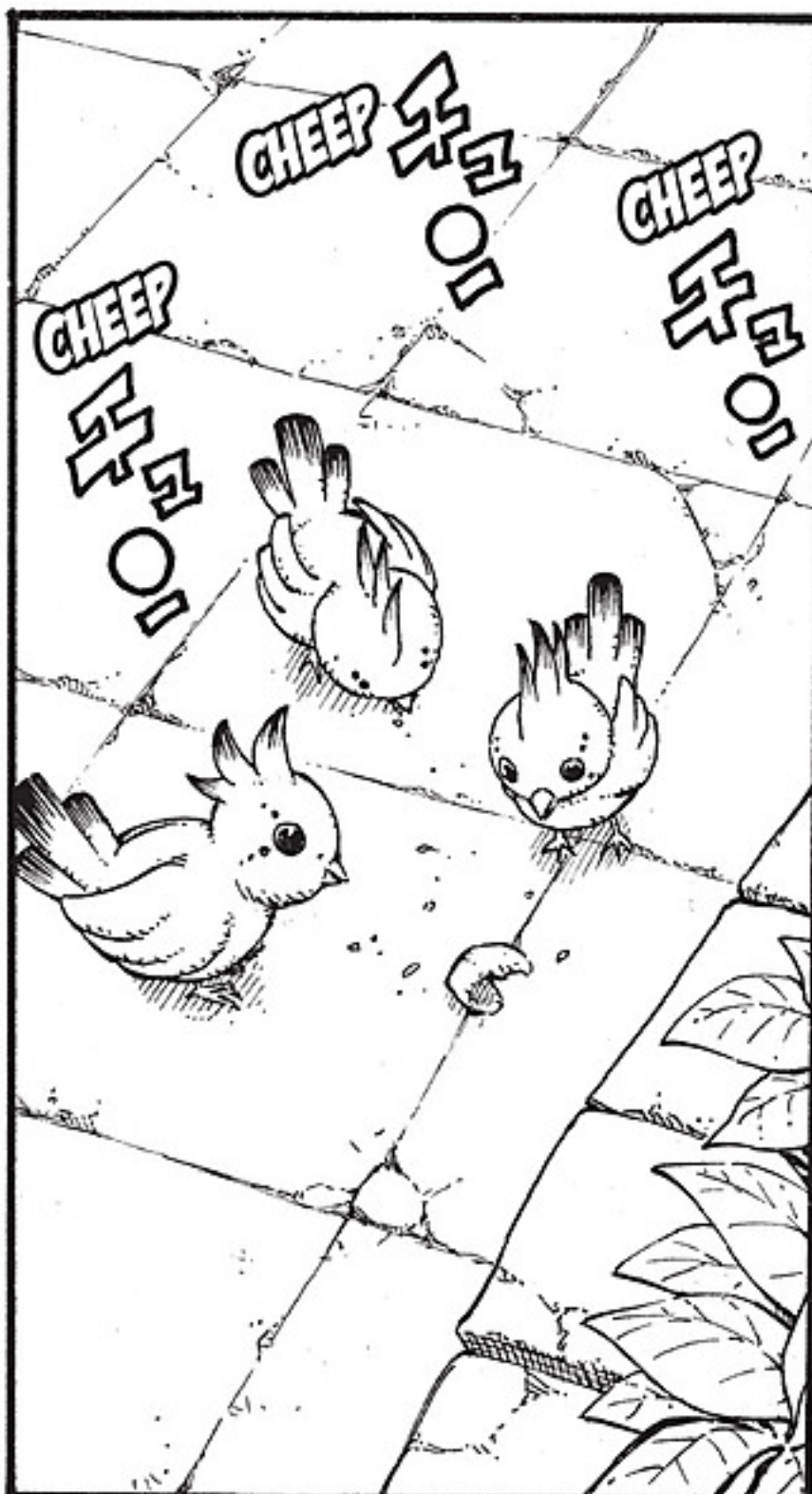


Are you saying... that she wouldn't have been taken away?



Can that actually happen?

Changing the past...

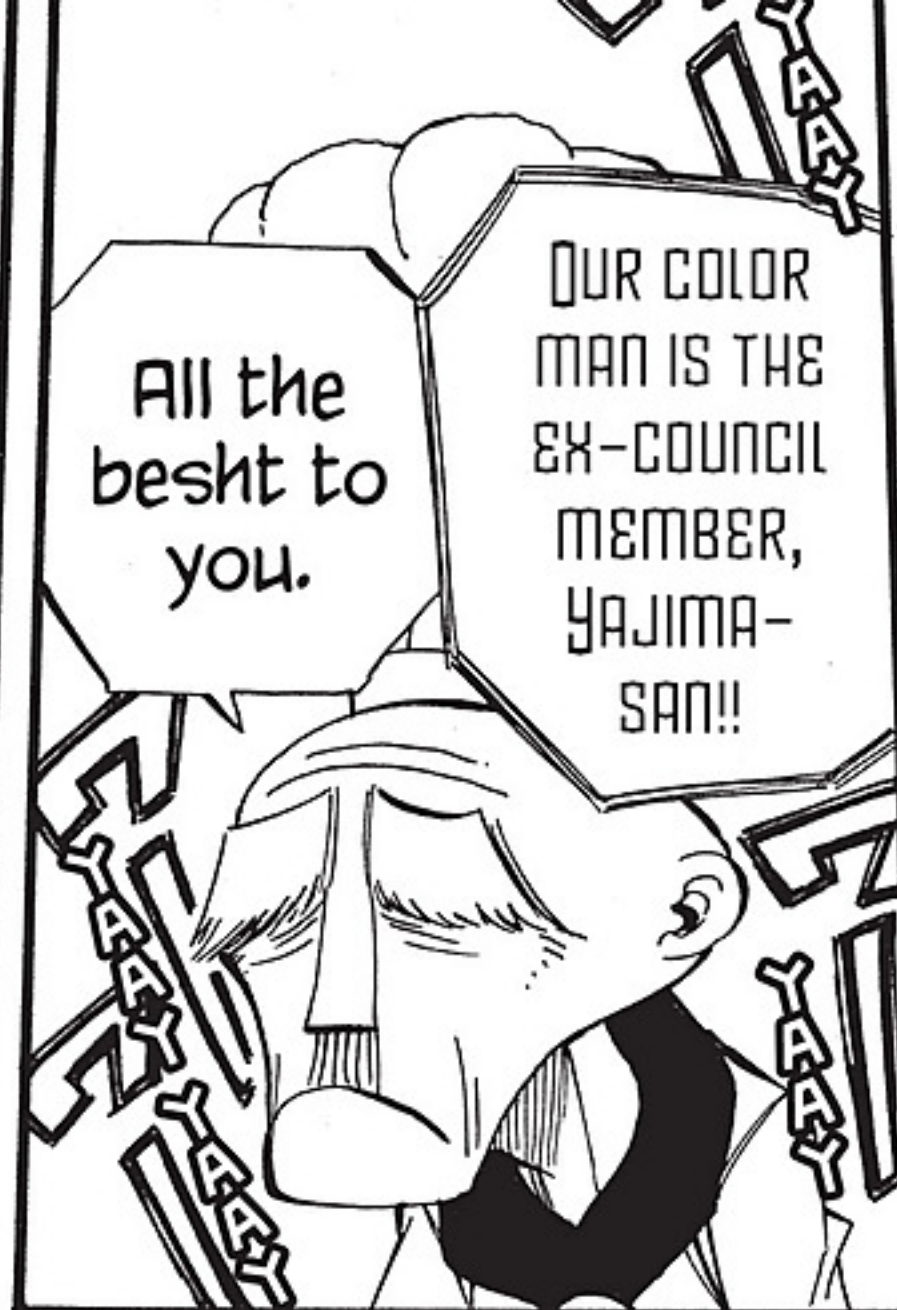






AND OUR SPECIAL GUEST FOR TODAY IS NONE OTHER THAN THE MASCOT OF THE GRAND MAGIC GAMES... YES, MATO-KUN IS HERE IN THE BROADCAST BOOTH!!!

Punkin!



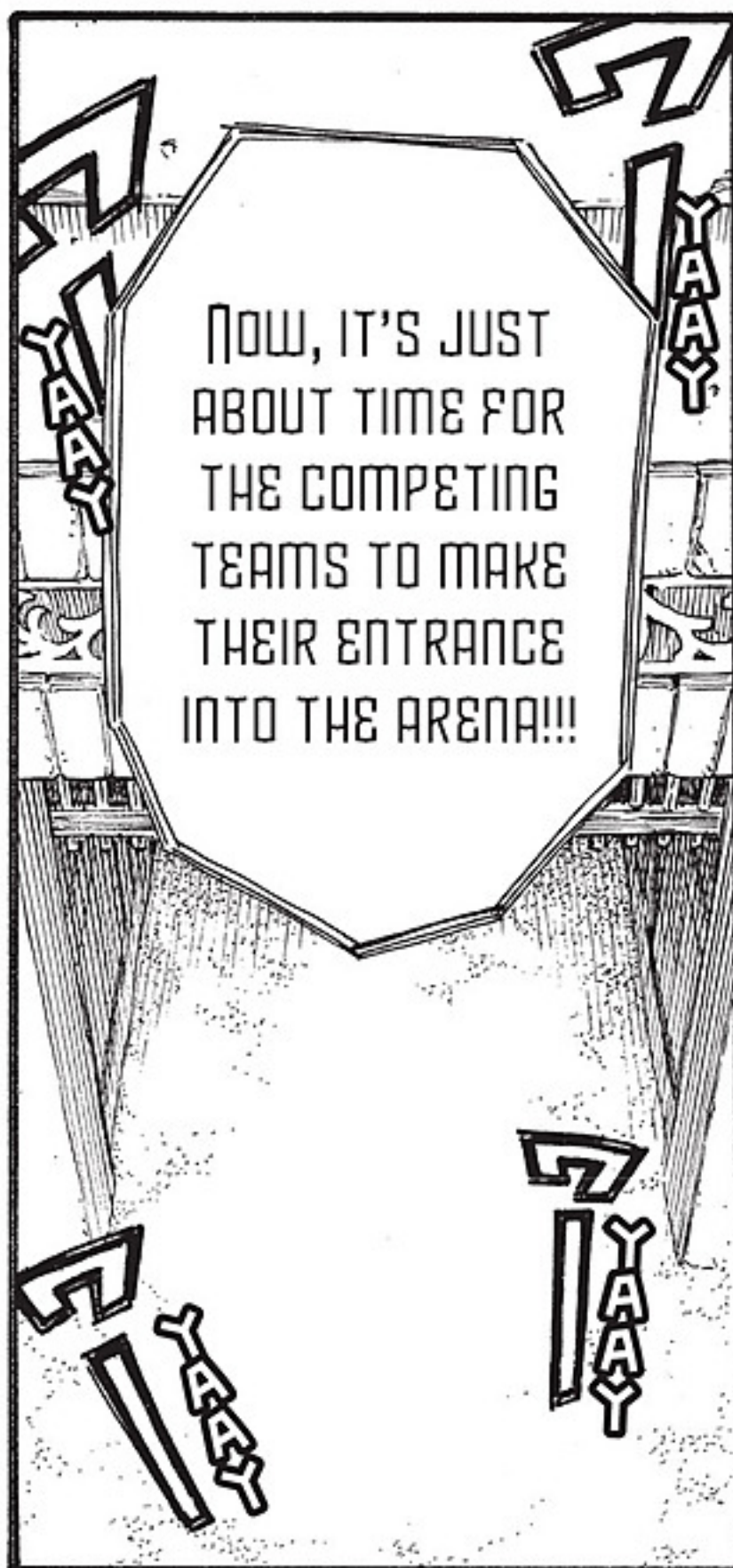
All the besht to you.

OUR COLOR MAN IS THE EX-COUNCIL MEMBER, YAJIMA-SAN!!



AS ALWAYS I, CHAPATI, AM YOUR PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER!

*Tie: Grand Magic Games



NOW, IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME FOR THE COMPETING TEAMS TO MAKE THEIR ENTRANCE INTO THE ARENA!!!



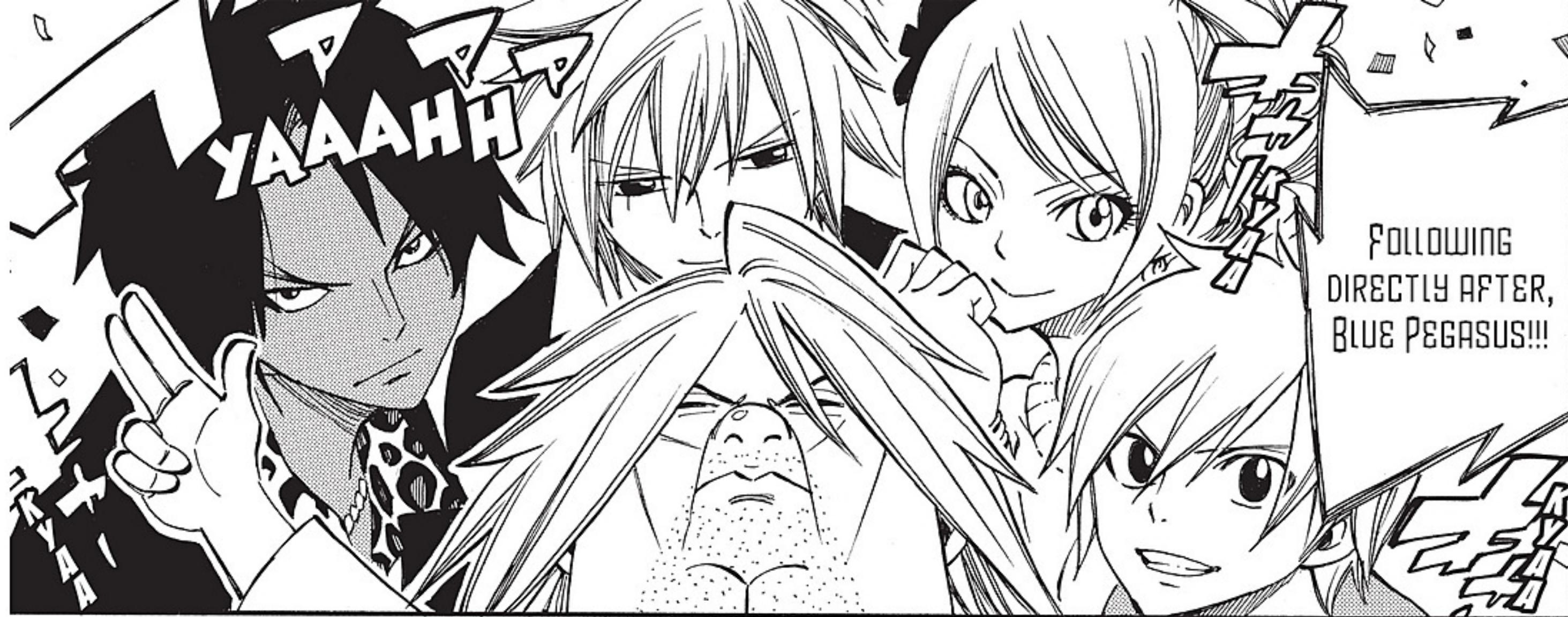
No problem with that today! Punkin! Everyone, do your best! Punkin!

YOU DON'T NEED TO ACT AS REFEREE TODAY, MATO-KUN?



THE HUNTING DOG IN ITS YOUTH: QUATRO PUPPY!!!

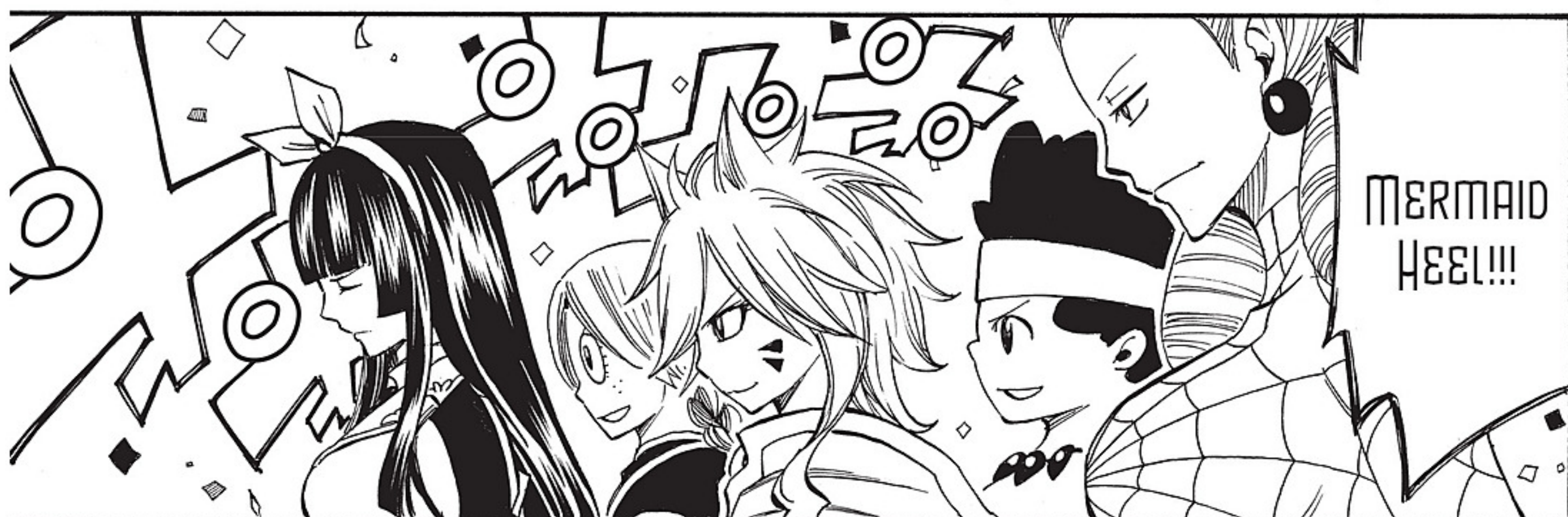
IN SIXTH PLACE, CAN THEY MAKE THE COMEBACK OF THE YEAR?



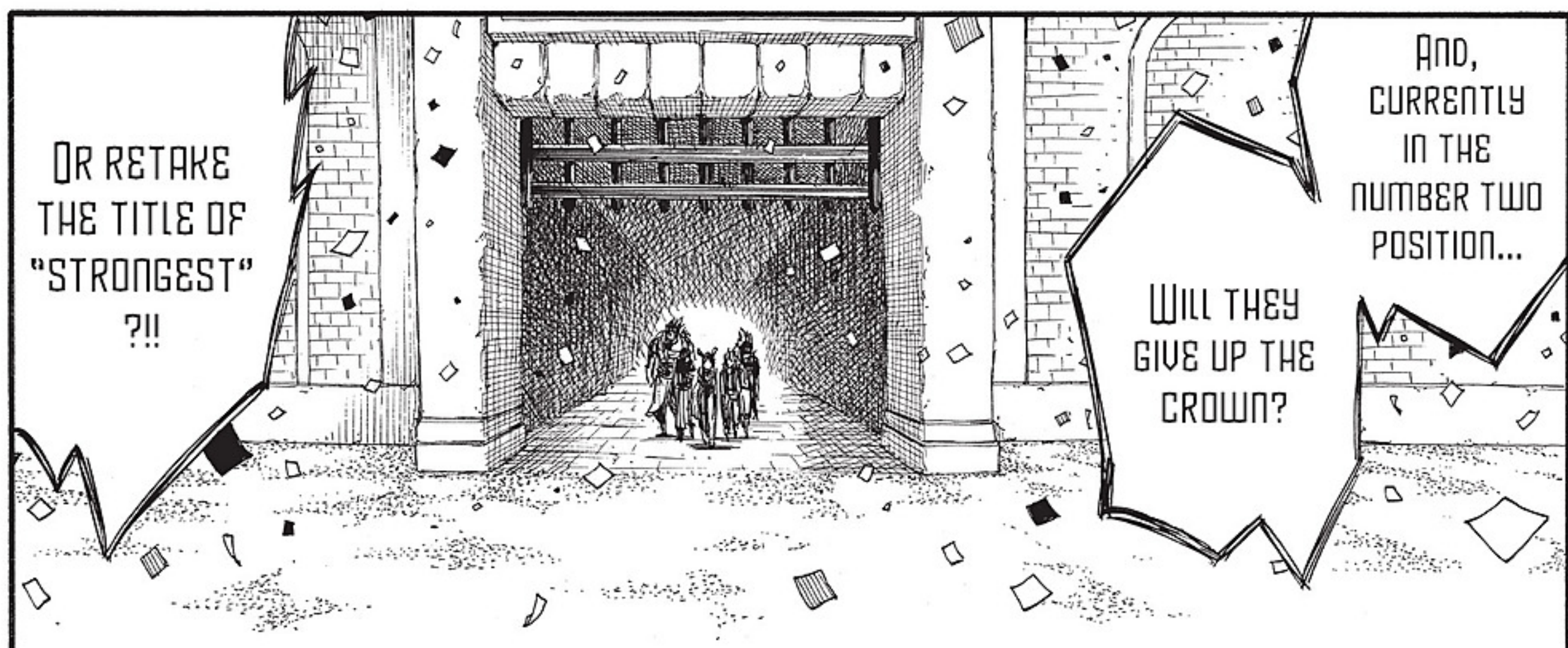
FOLLOWING
DIRECTLY AFTER,
BLUE PEGASUS!!!



LAMIA
SCALE!!!



MERMAID
HEEL!!!



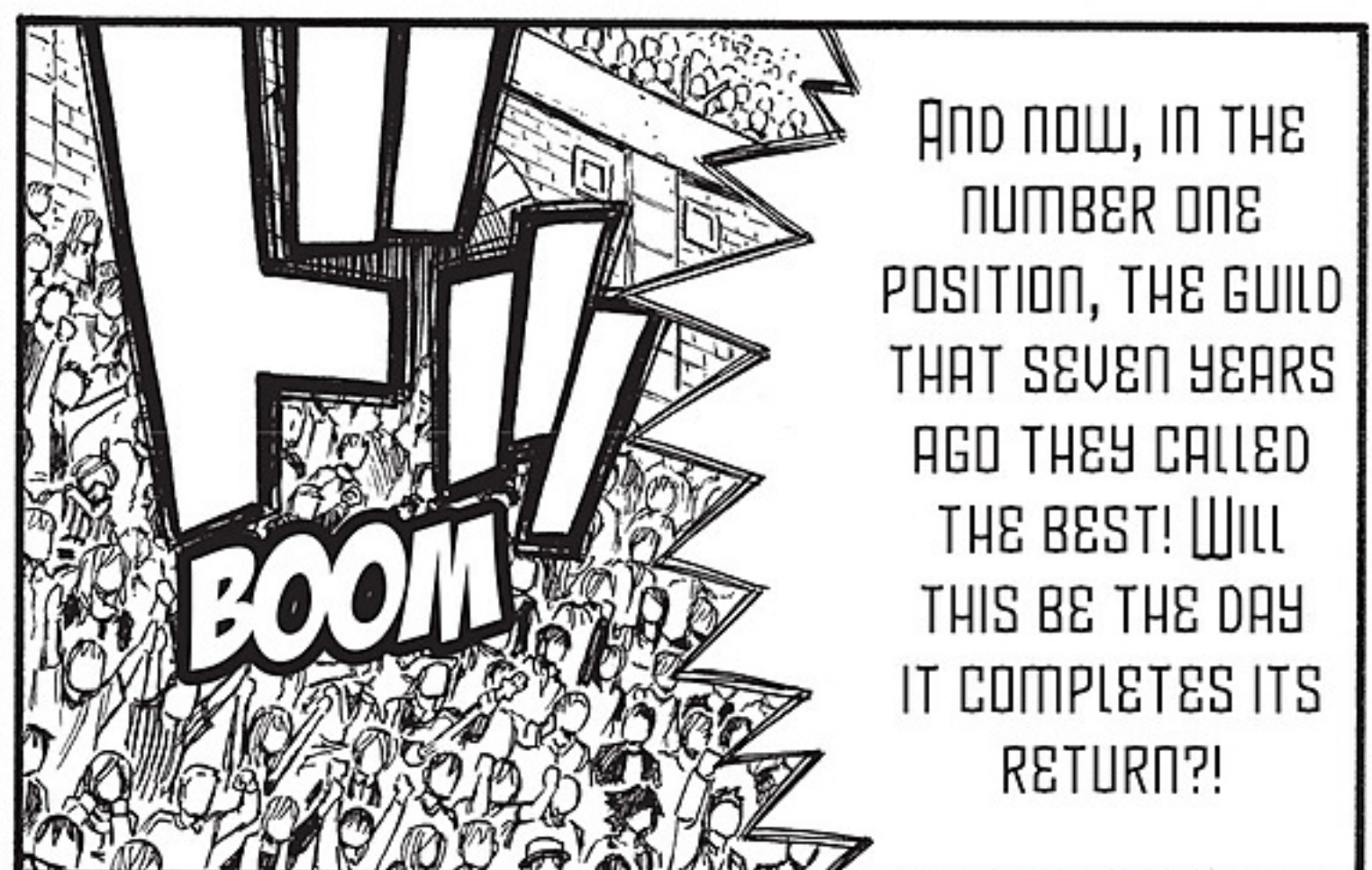
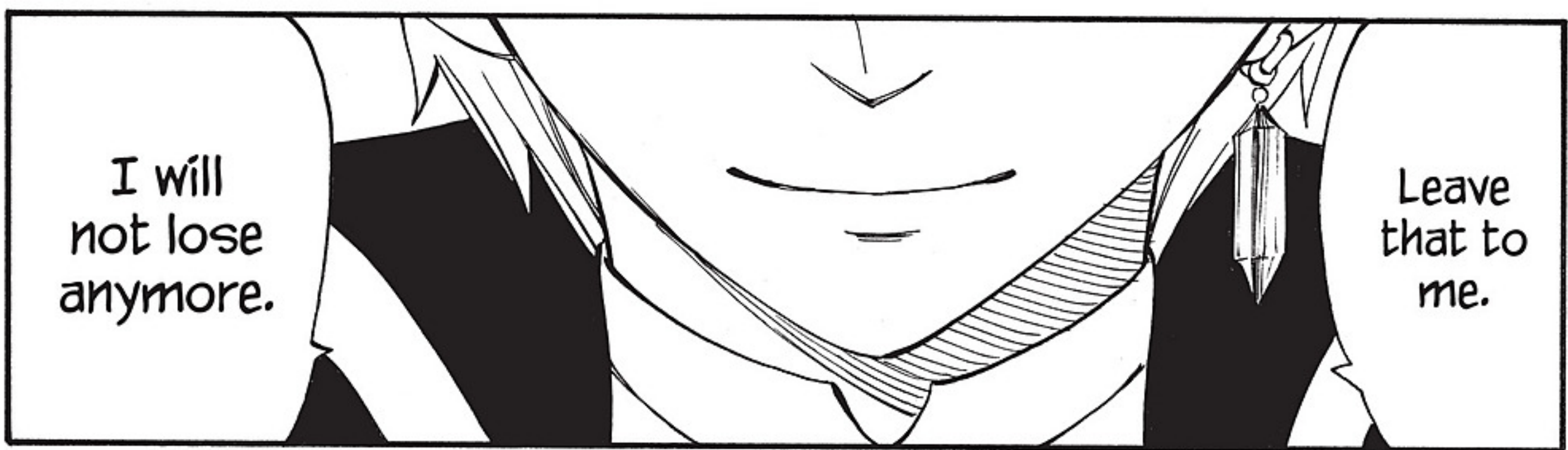
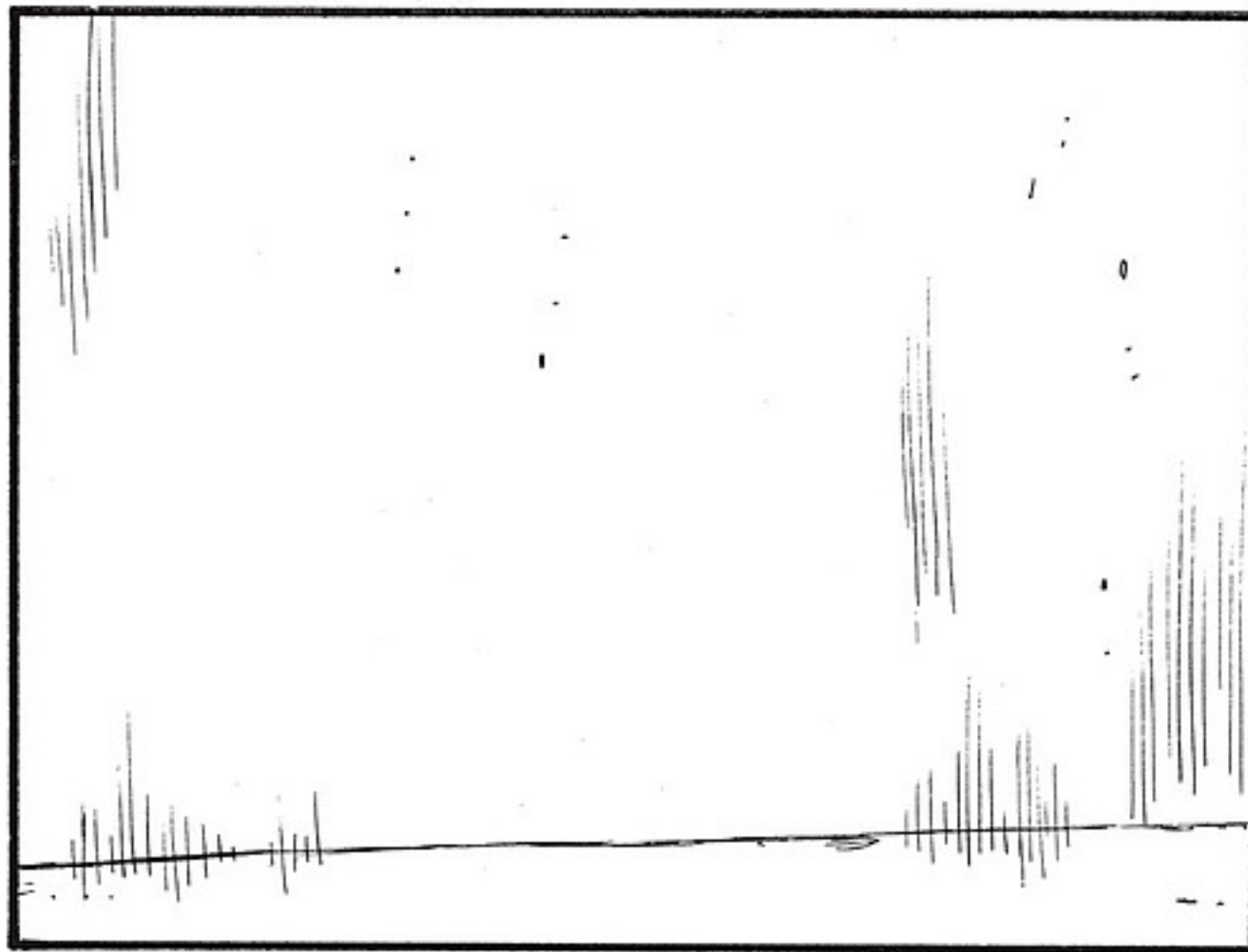
OR RETAKE
THE TITLE OF
"STRONGEST"
?!!

Will they
GIVE UP THE
CROWN?

AND,
CURRENTLY
IN THE
NUMBER TWO
POSITION...

SABER
TOOTH!!!!





WE HAVE A
CHANGE IN
THE LINEUP!!!!



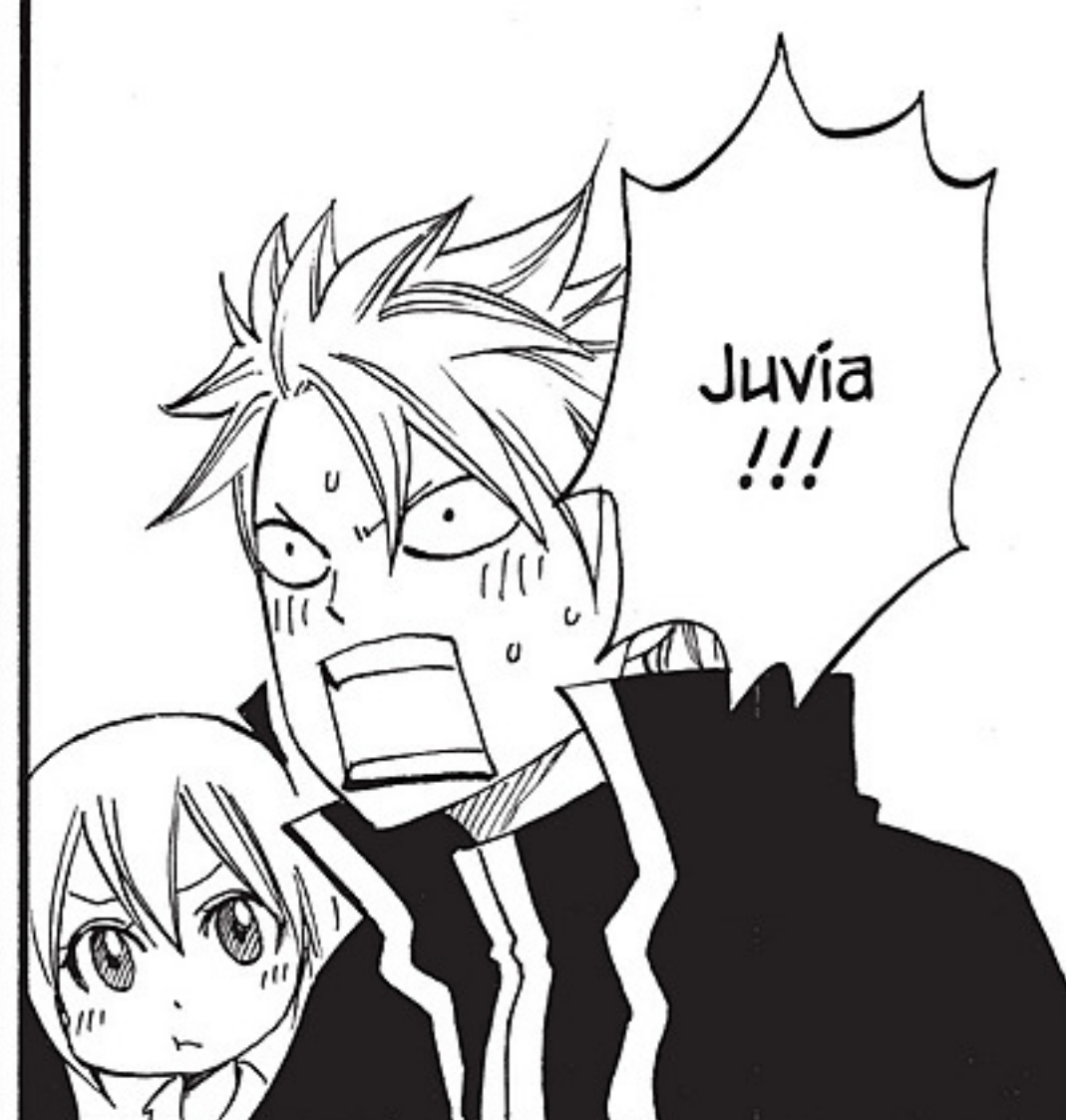


Maybe we should even count ourselves lucky.



Natsu Dragneel isn't here?!!

It doesn't matter, Rogue.



Juvia!!!



I suppose he never quite got his magic back.



Why isn't he there?

He's the guy I wanted to see!



Hm... I would assume they have their reasons.

NATSU, WHO PUT ON SUCH AN AMAZING SHOW IN THE TAG BATTLE, IS MISSING... I WONDER...



Lexus, show them your gallantry!!!

Gajeel, take 'em apart!!!

Errrzaaaa!!!

Gray!!! Show them you're a *man*!!!

Juvia!!! Give 'em hell for Natsu too!!!

VICTORY



So that plan alone was not enough.

But we can't trust them completely.

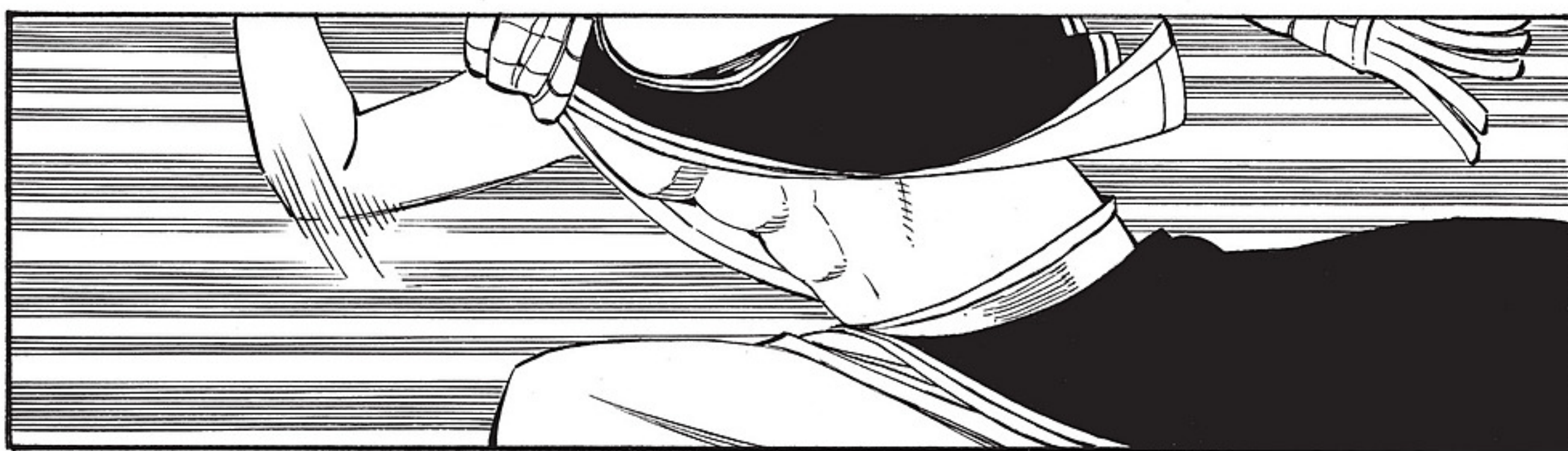


If we win the Grand Magic Games, we may be able to get her returned to us legally.



It was the only plan I could think of.

Some sharp thinking, Sixth Master.



But in secret, we have a different squad going to rescue Lucy.



And with all eyes on the Games, this was our best opportunity.

We have to be here cheering on the team like we always do.



So it's a battle on two fronts.



***Make me
proud, you
brats!!!!***

FAIRY TAIL

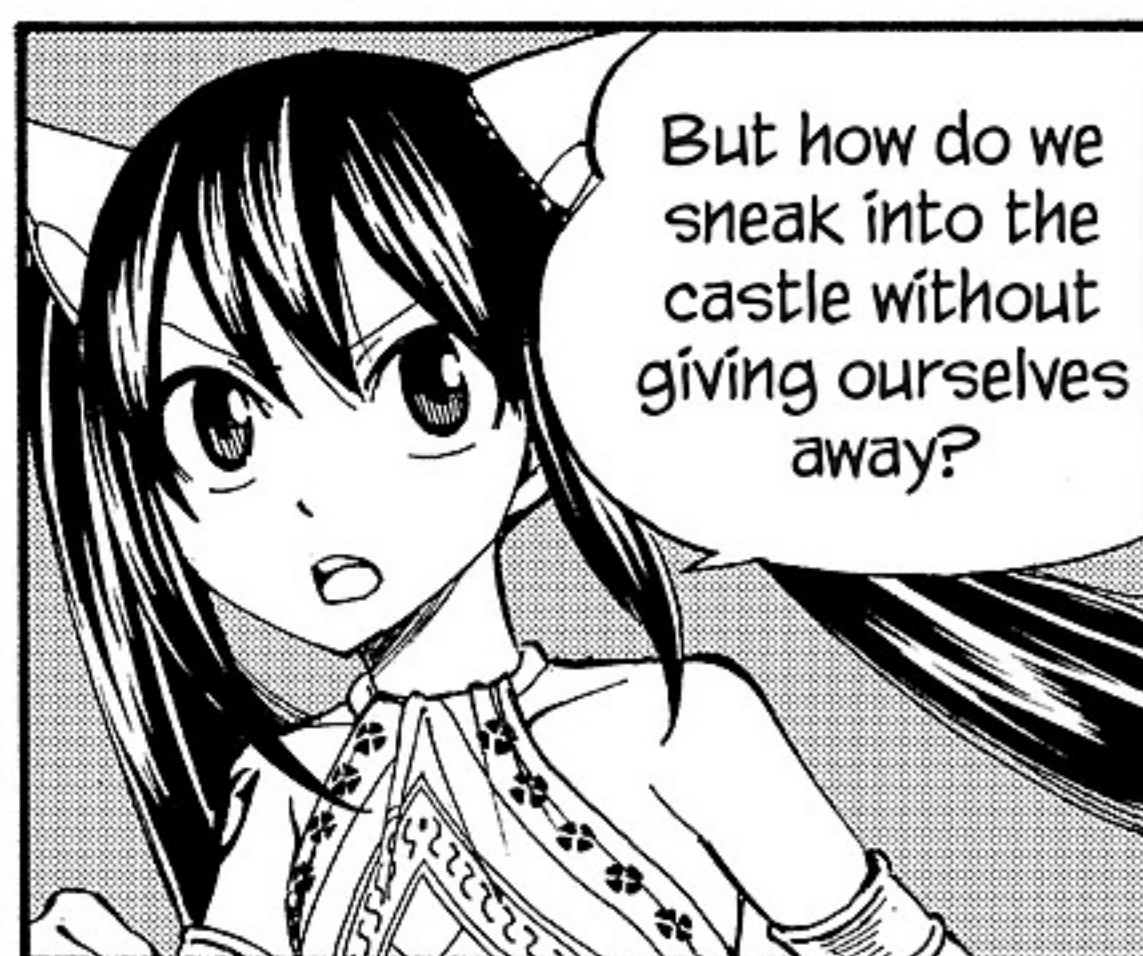
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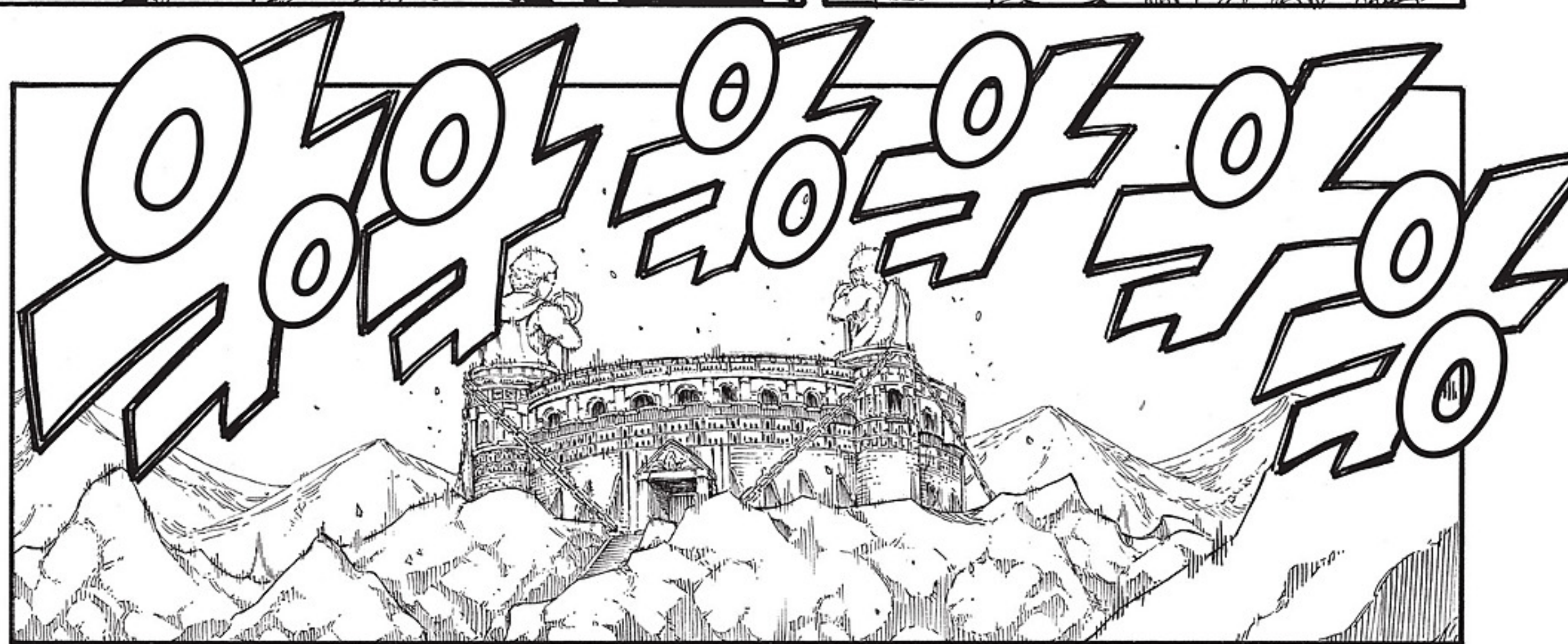
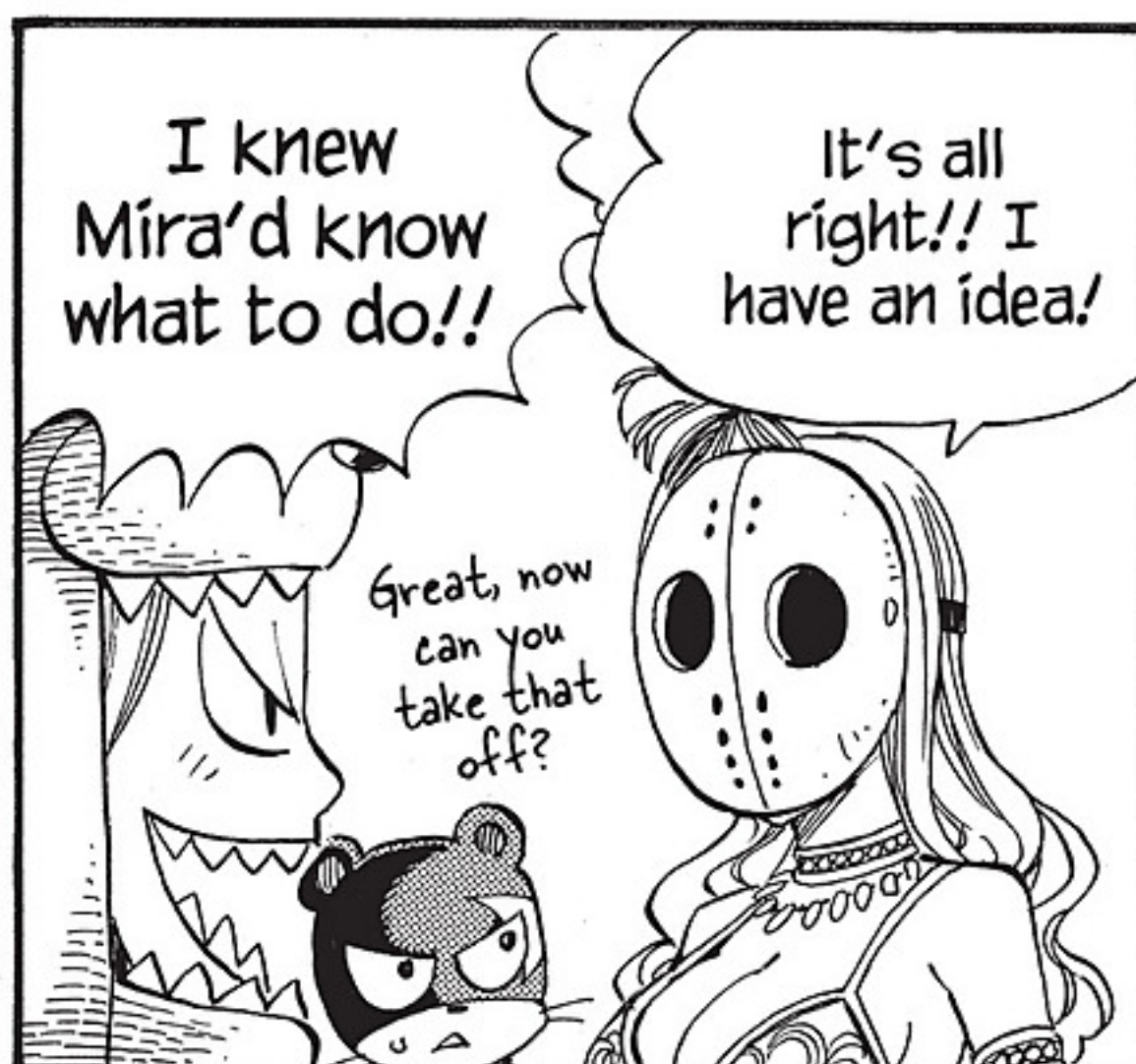
Grand Magic Games Final Day

1. Fairy Tail	45p
2. Saber Tooth	44p
3. Mermaid Heel	40p
3. Lamia Scale	40p
5. Blue Pegasus	30p
6. Quatro Puppy	15p



Chapter 304: The Grand Magic Game

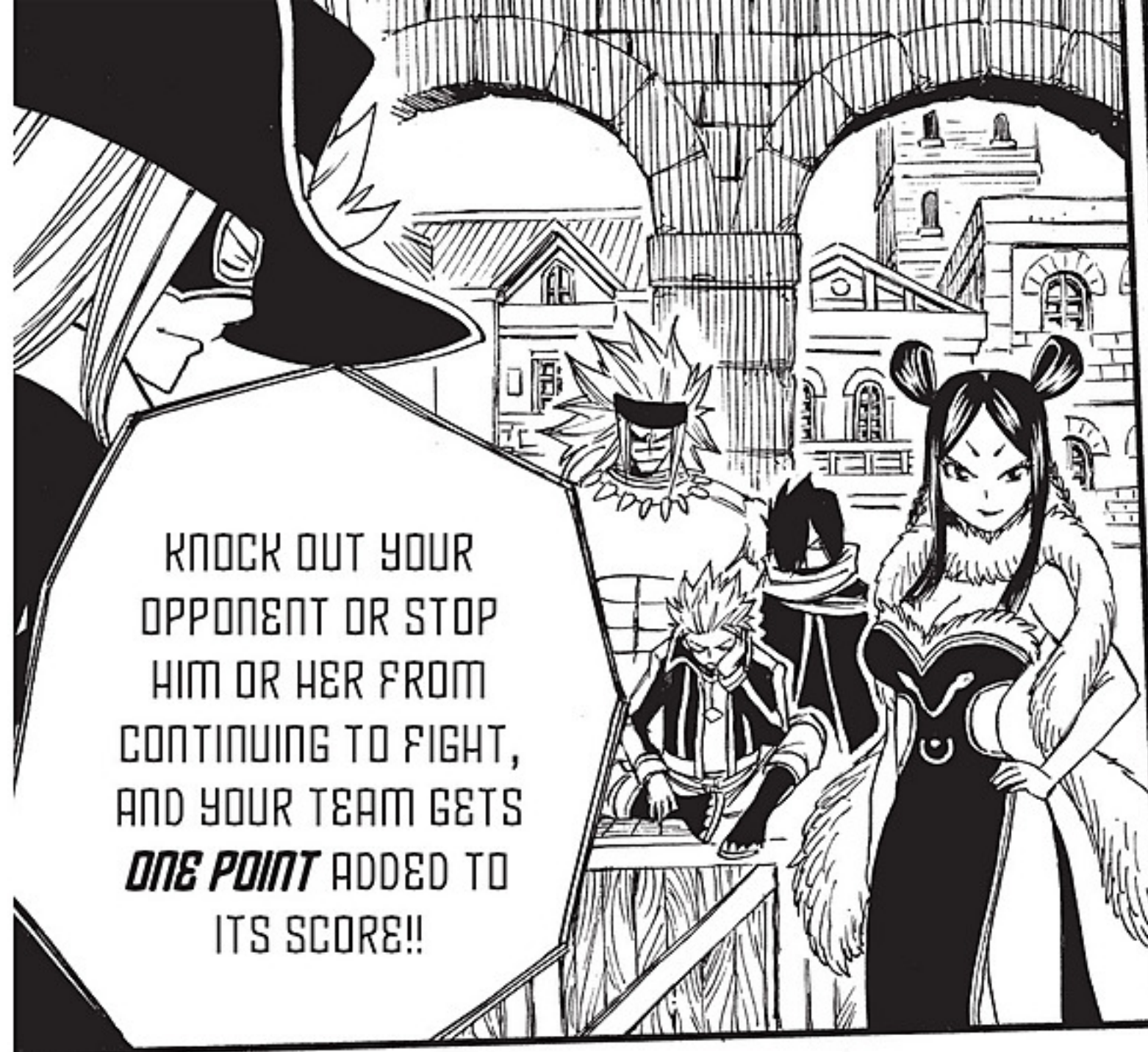




WE
BEGIN THE
NAMESAKE
OF THE
GAMES, *THE
GRAND MAGIC
GAME!!!!*

EACH TEAM
IS SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT THE
TOWN AND IS NOW
STANDING BY!

THIS TIME THE
BATTLEFIELD IS THE
*ENTIRE CITY OF
CROCUS!!*

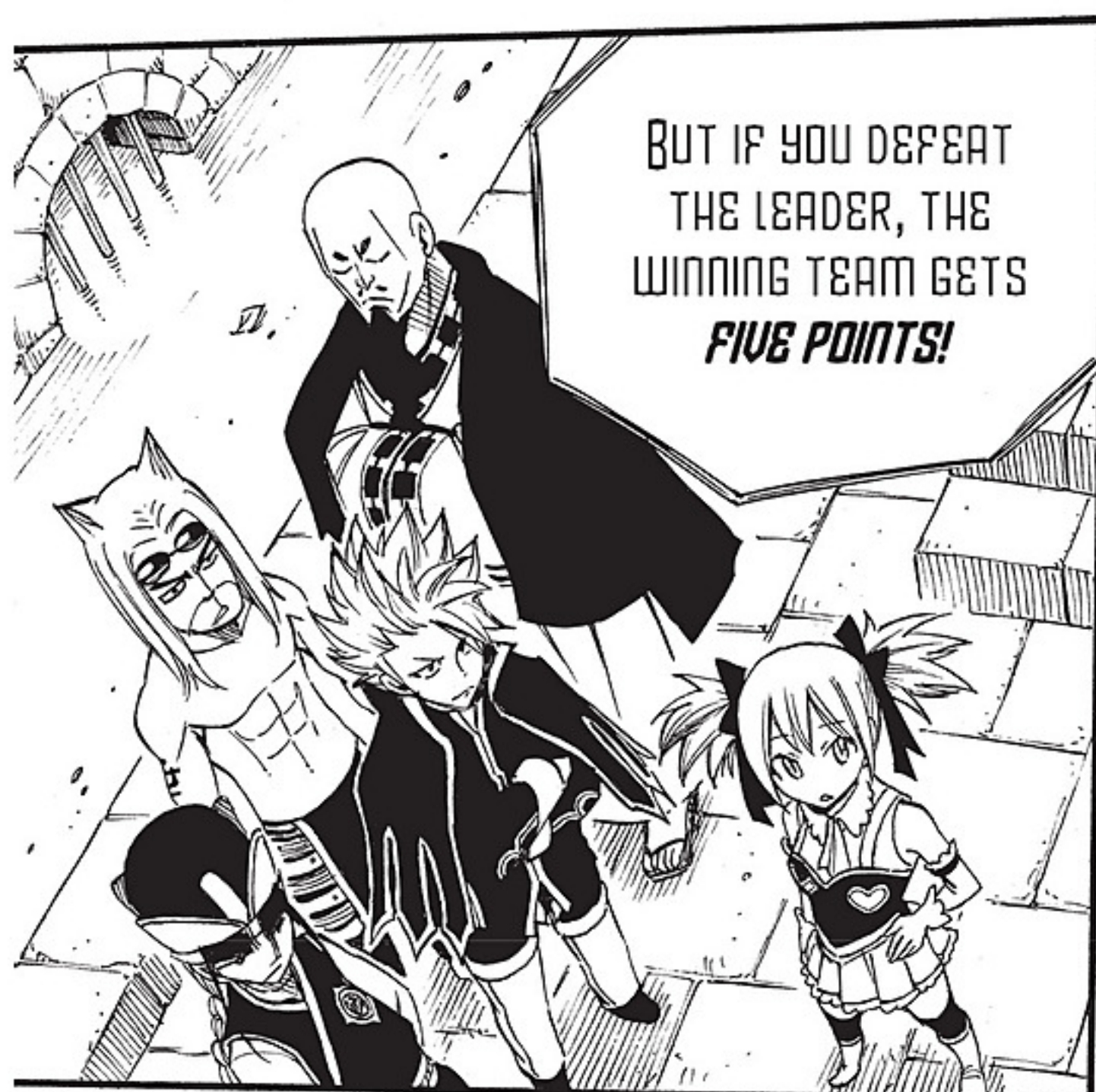


KNOCK OUT YOUR
OPPONENT OR STOP
HIM OR HER FROM
CONTINUING TO FIGHT,
AND YOUR TEAM GETS
ONE POINT ADDED TO
ITS SCORE!!



...A BATTLE
MUST ENSUE!!

WHEN ANY MEMBER
WANDERING THROUGH
THE TOWN MEETS AN
ENEMY...



BUT IF YOU DEFEAT
THE LEADER, THE
WINNING TEAM GETS
FIVE POINTS!

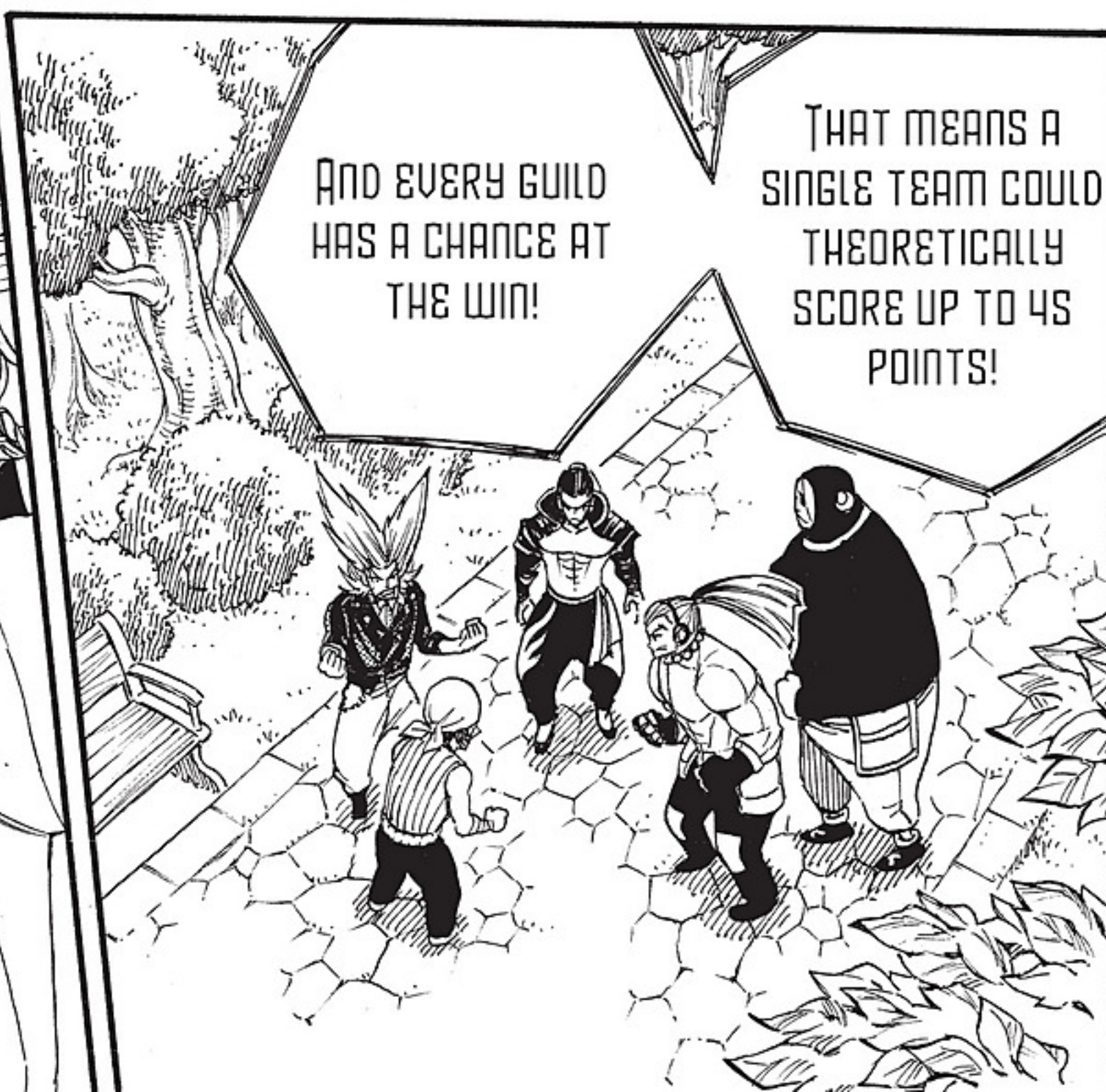


THE OTHER
TEAMS DO NOT
KNOW WHO THAT
LEADER IS.

ALSO, EACH
GUILD'S TEAM
HAS ONE
LEADER!

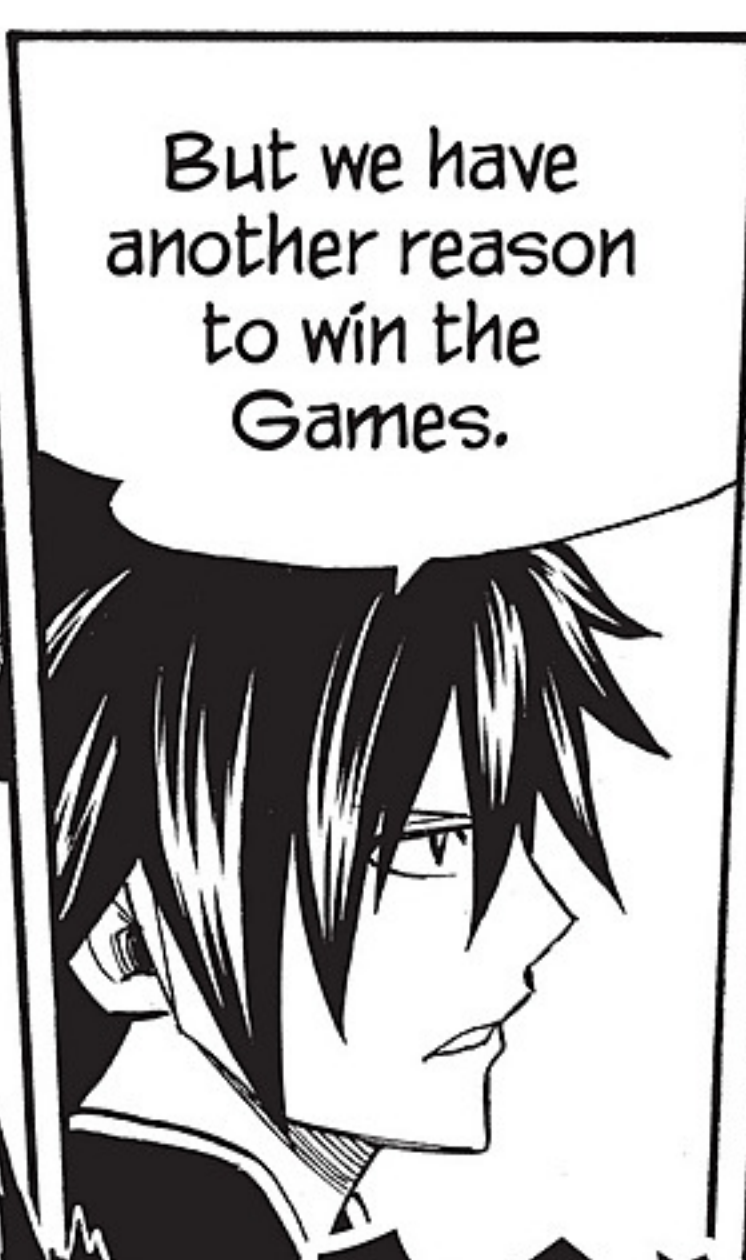


DO THE TEAMS
STAY UNITED, OR
DO THEY SPLIT
UP? WE WILL SEE
THEIR STRATEGIES
UNFOLD!



AND EVERY GUILD
HAS A CHANCE AT
THE WIN!

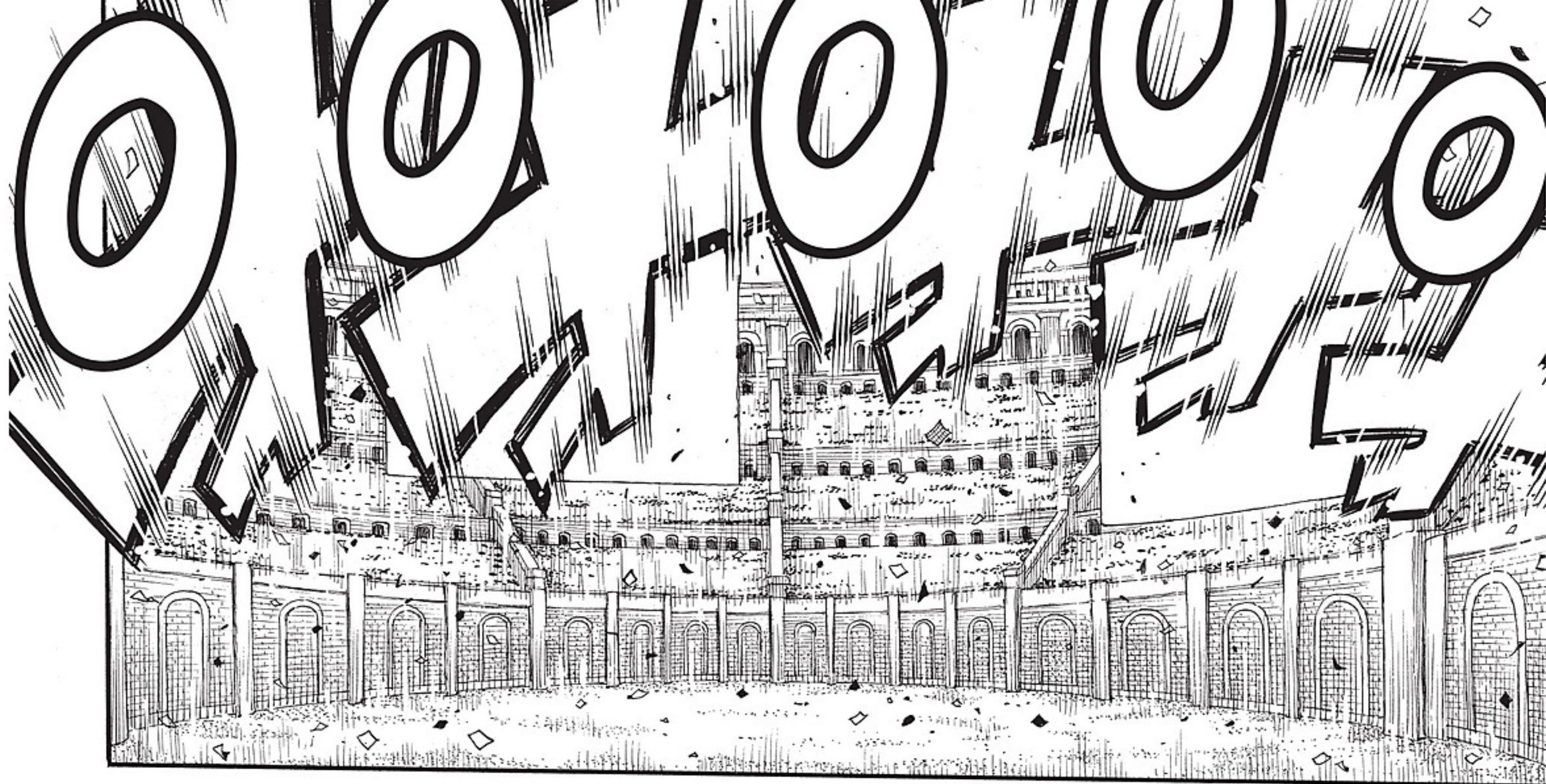
THAT MEANS A
SINGLE TEAM COULD
THEORETICALLY
SCORE UP TO 45
POINTS!





**Let's
go!!!!**

**Yeah
!!!!**



AS EXPECTED,
SABER TOOTH, WHOSE
MEMBERS ALL HAVE
VERY ADVANCED
ABILITIES, HAS SPLIT UP
COMPLETELY.



Every-
body's
doing
their best!
Punkin!

Ash I thought,
mosht teamsh
are deshiding to
shplit up.

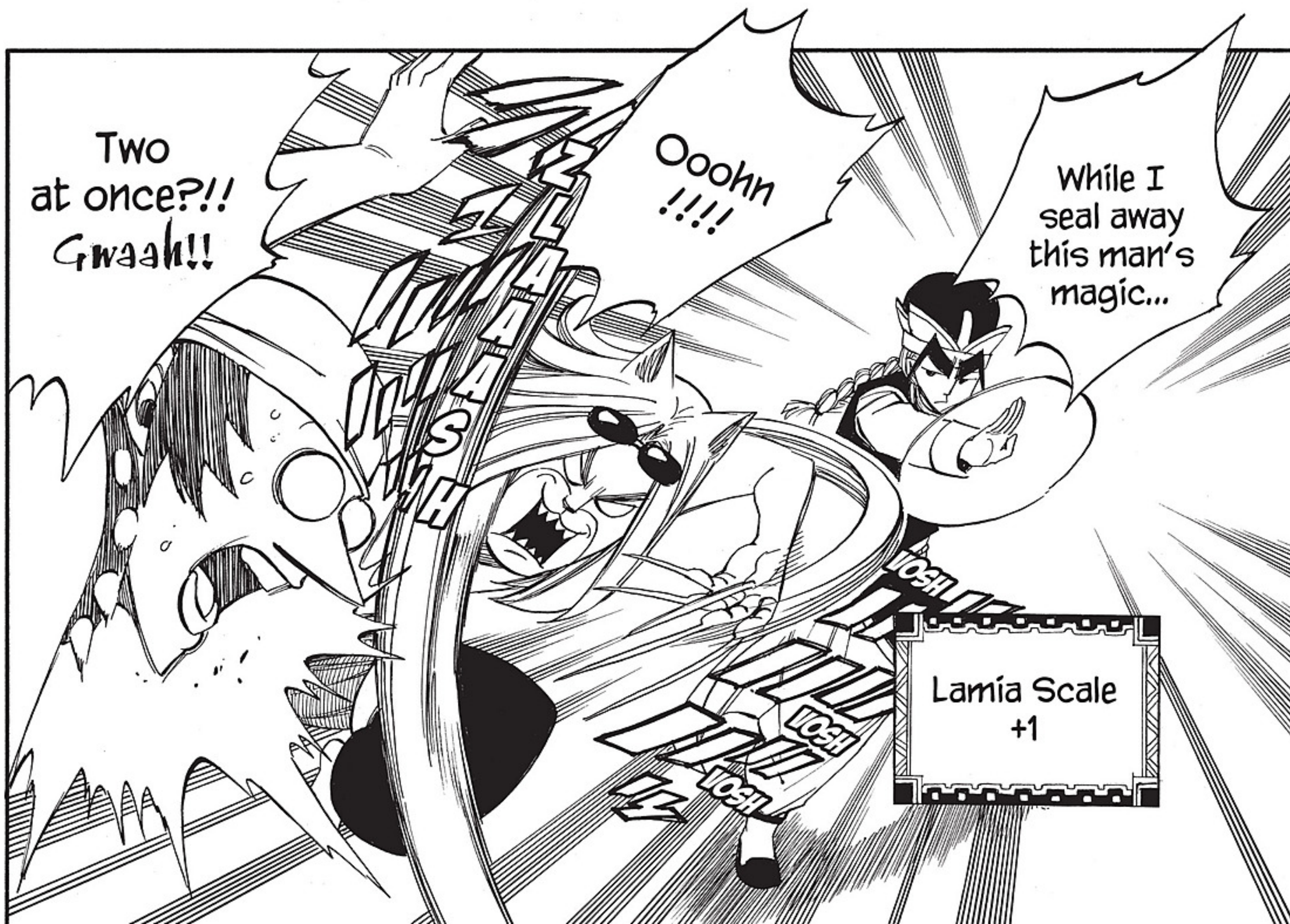
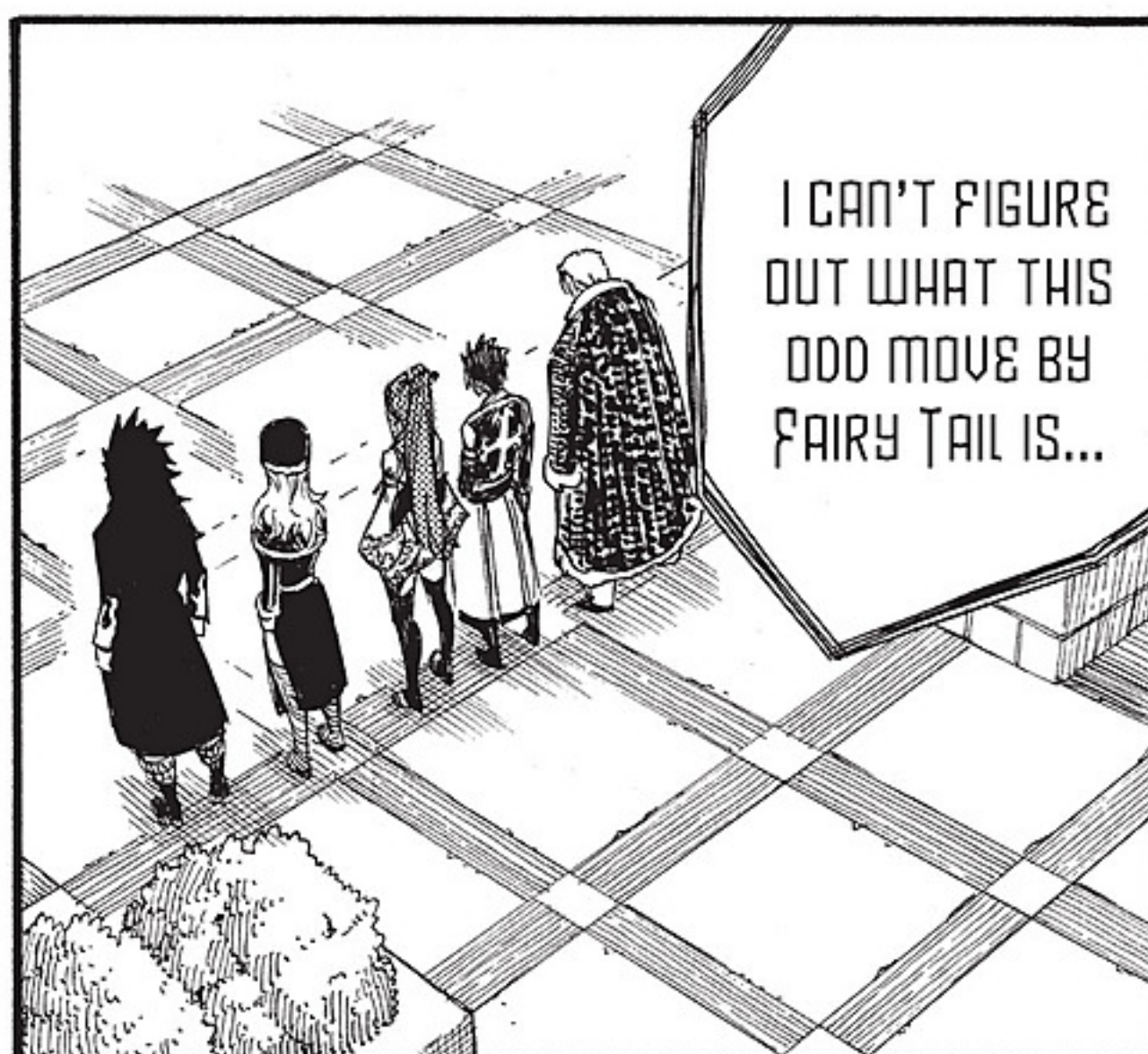
IT'S STARTED,
HASN'T IT? THE
FINAL GAME!

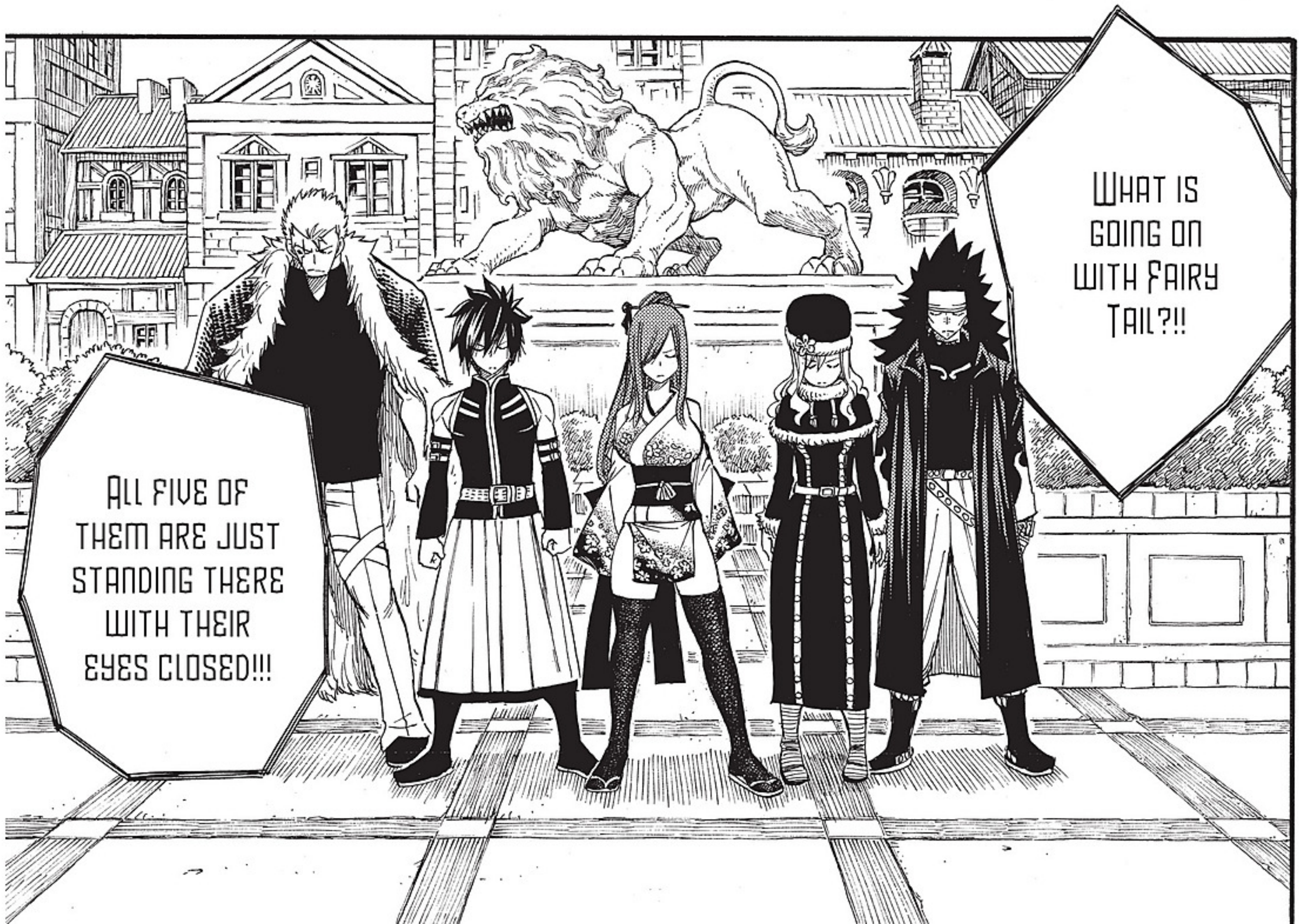
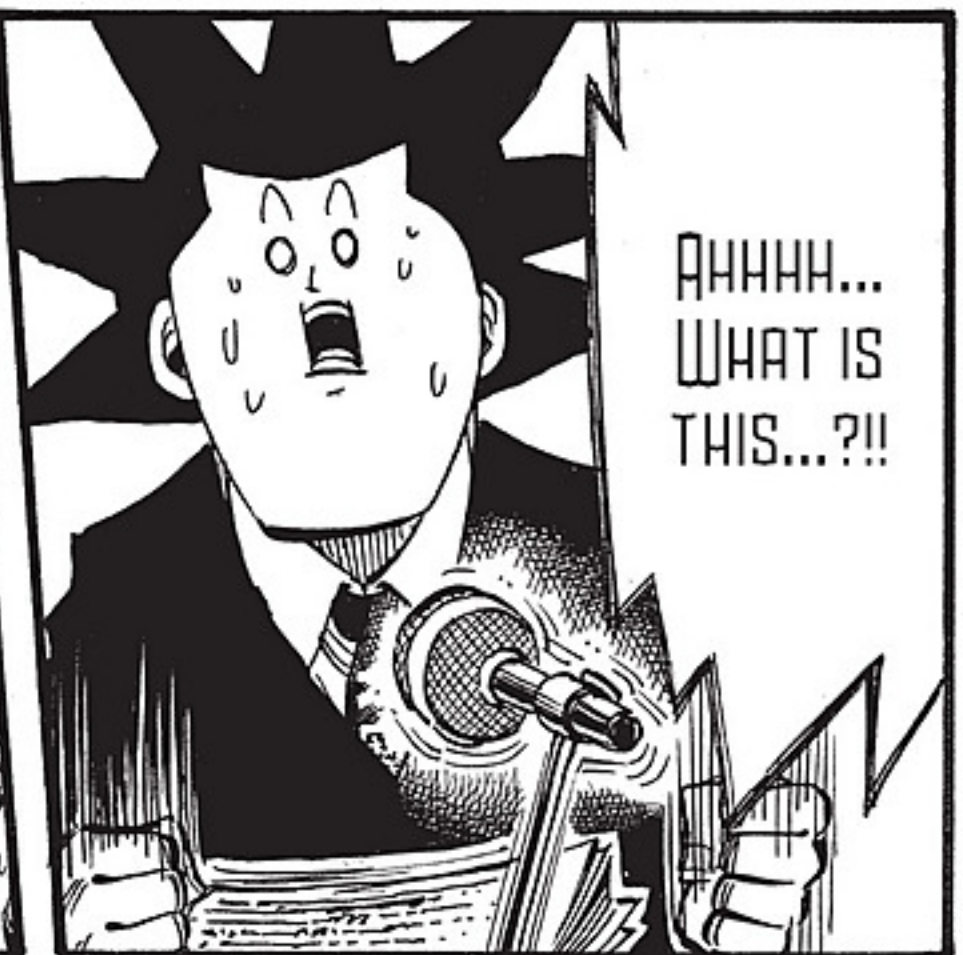
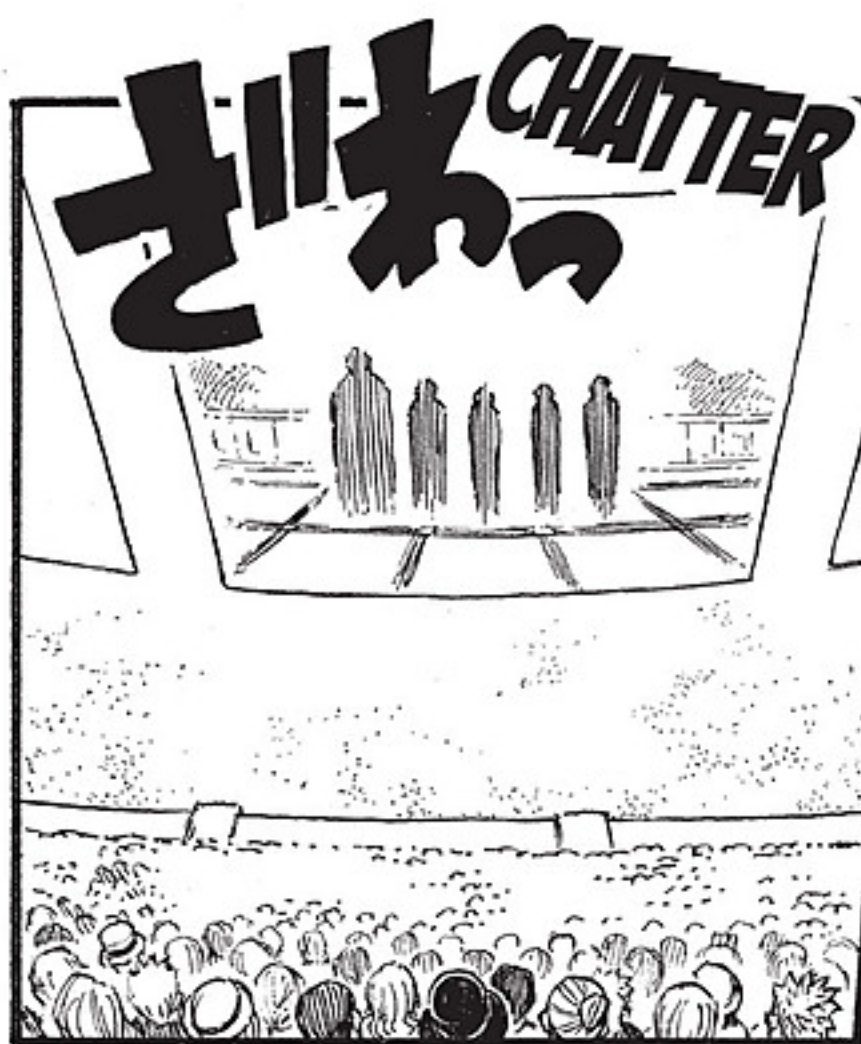


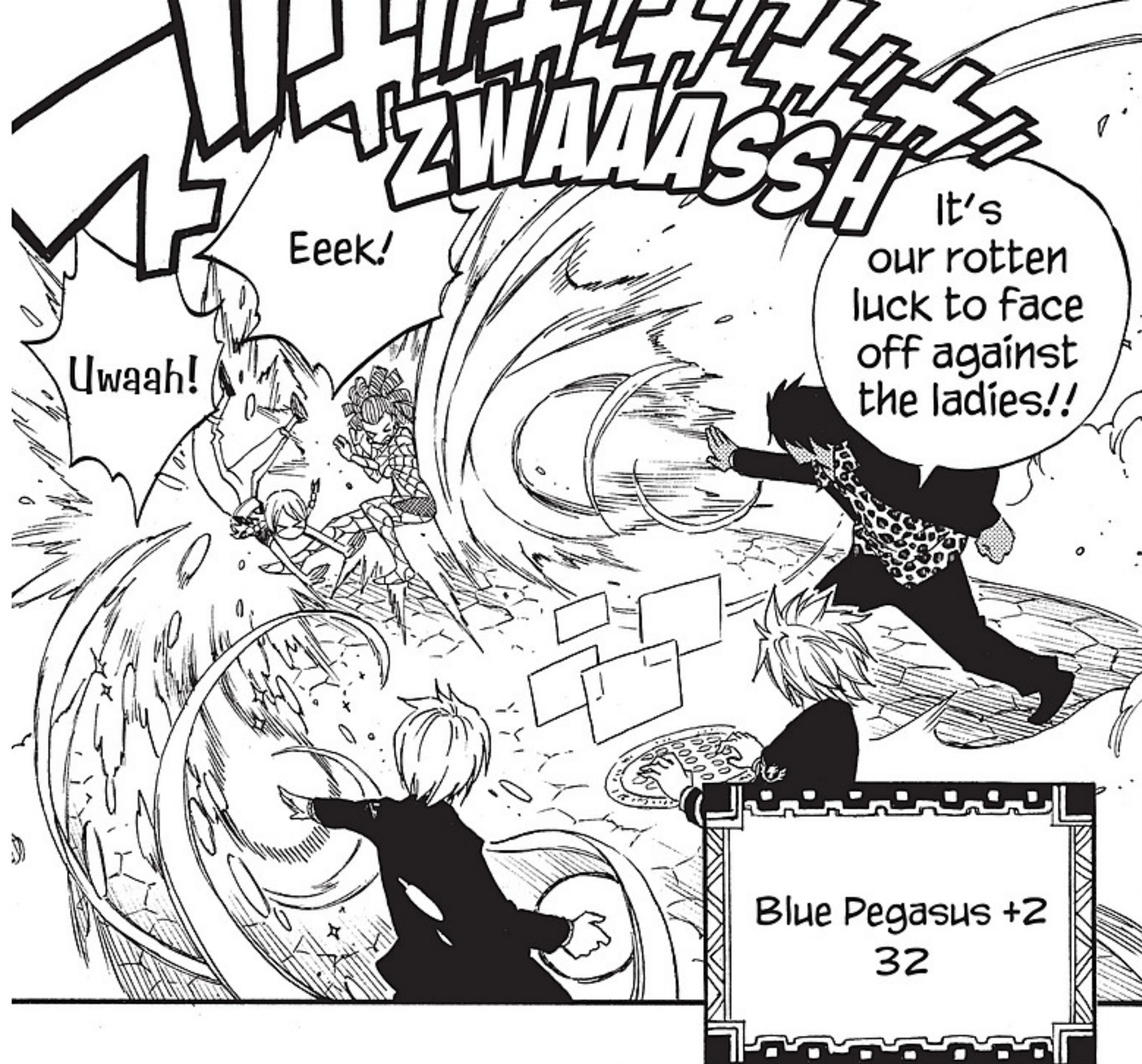
THERE ARE
EVEN THREE-
WIZARD
GROUPS.



OTHERS ARE
SPLITTING INTO
BUDDY TEAMS.

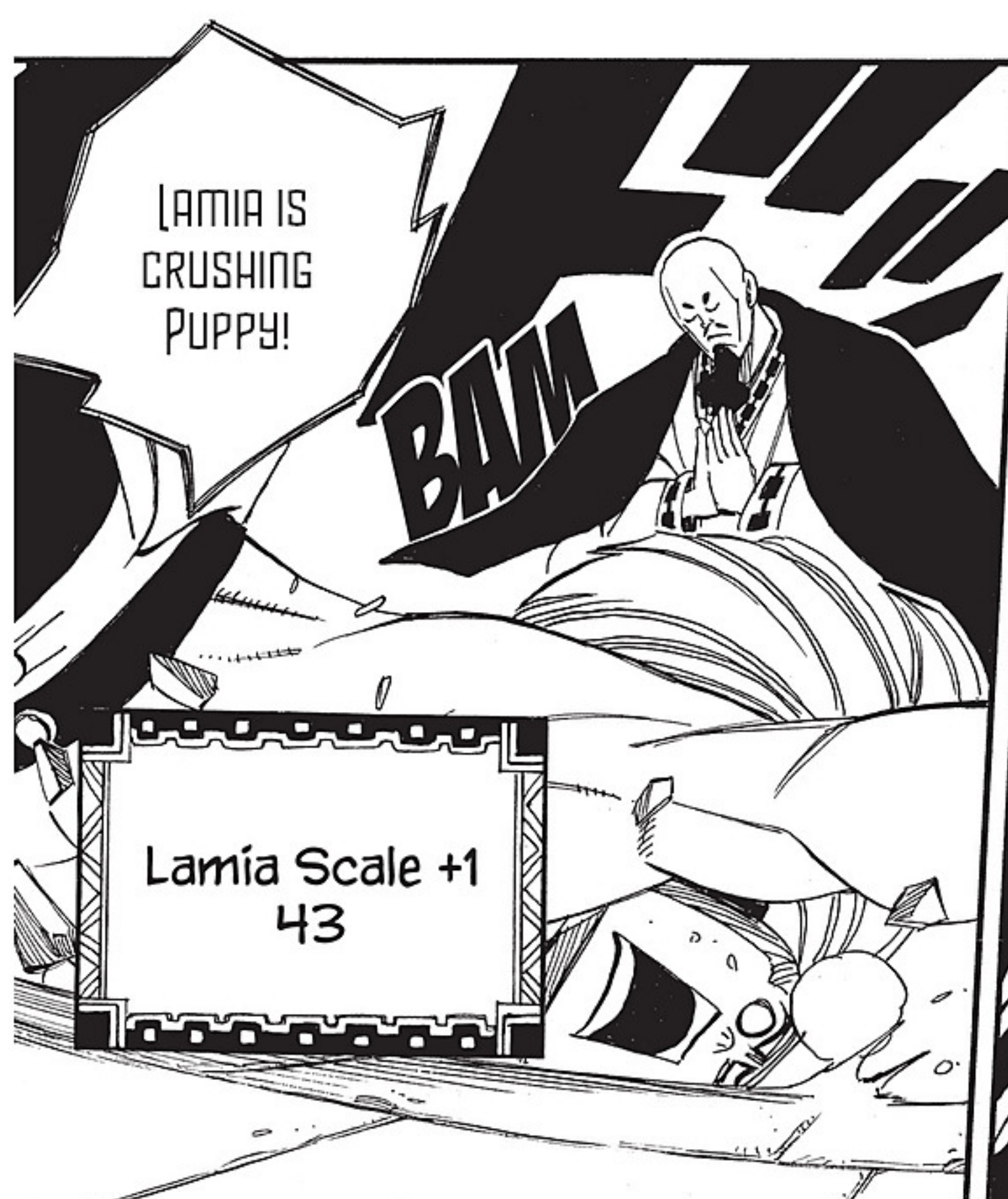


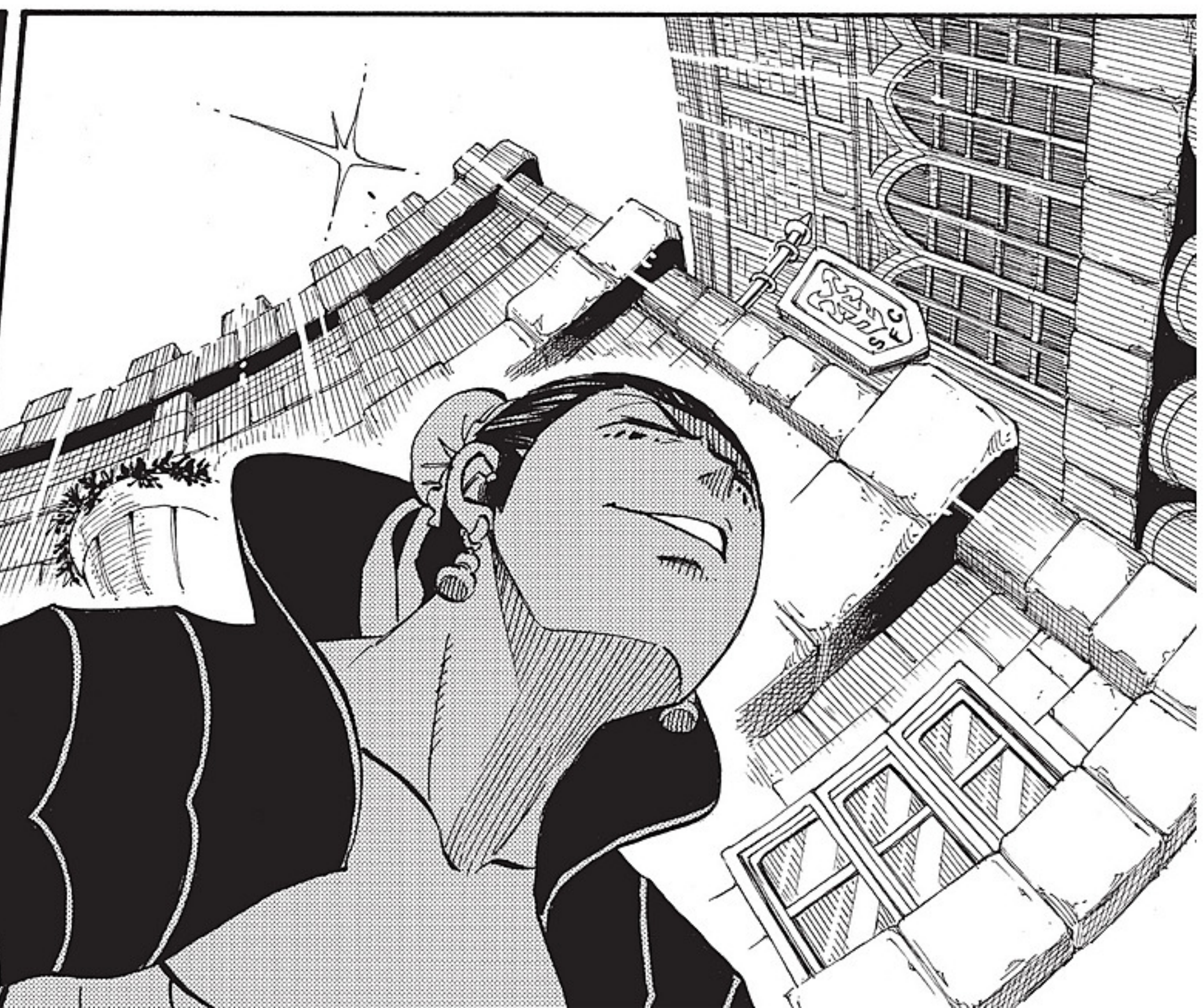
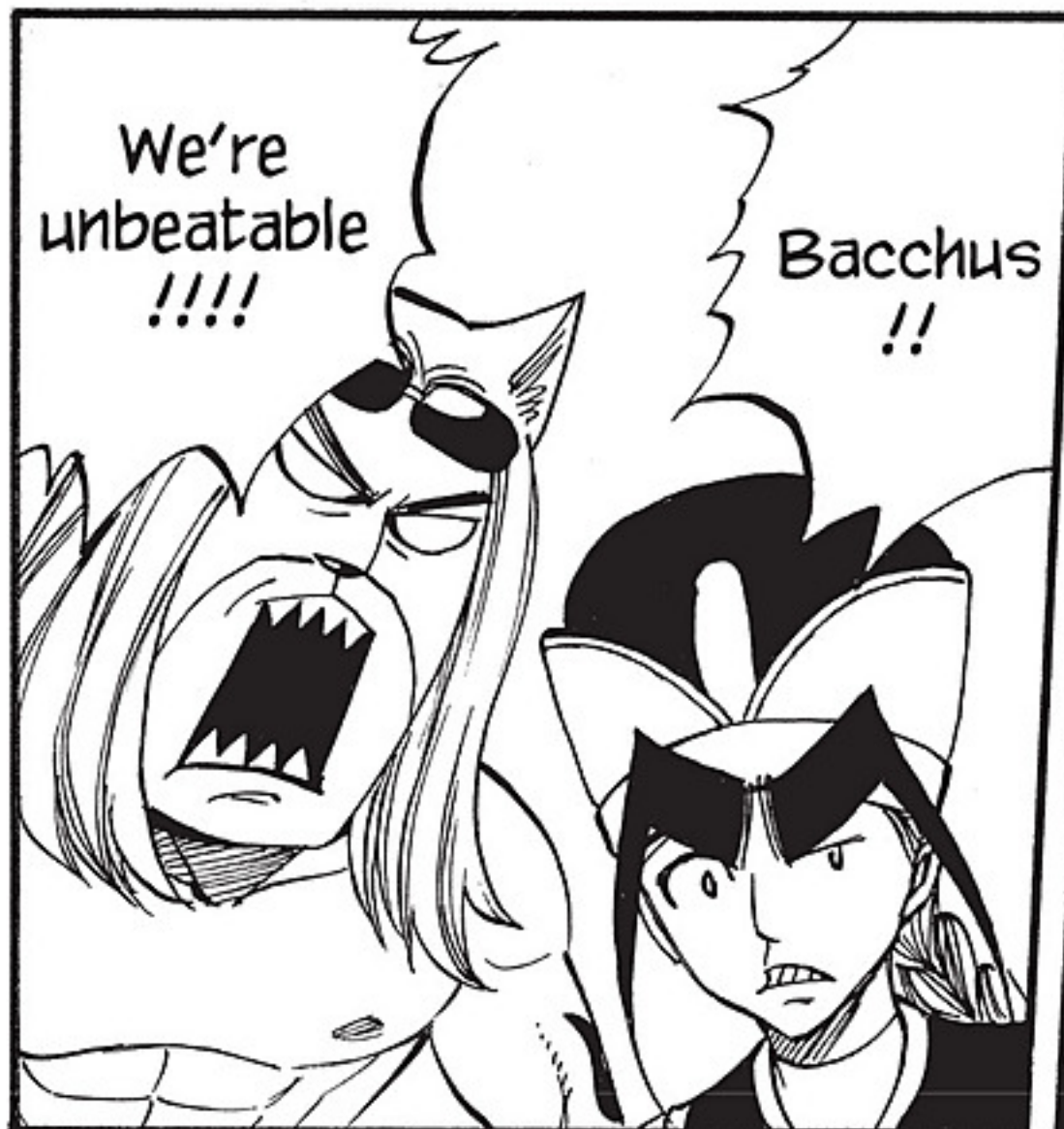




1. Fairy Tail	45P
2. Saber Tooth	44P
3. Mermaid Heel	PING
3. Lamia Scale	40P +1
5. Blue Pegasus	30P
6. Quatro Puppy	15P

1. Fairy Tail	45P
2. Saber Tooth	44P
3. Lamia Scale	41P
4. Mermaid Heel	40P
5. Blue Pegasus	PING 30P
6. Quatro Puppy	15P







THE STRONGEST
GUILD, SABER
TOOTH HAS TAKEN
THE NO. 1 POSITION
AGAIN!!!

A
COMEBACK
!!!!

1. Saber Tooth 49p

2. Fairy Tail 45p

3. Lamia Scale 43p



BACCHUS WAS
QUATRO PUPPY'S
LEADER, AND
DEFEATING HIM
BRINGS FIVE
POINTS!!!

Saber Tooth +5
49

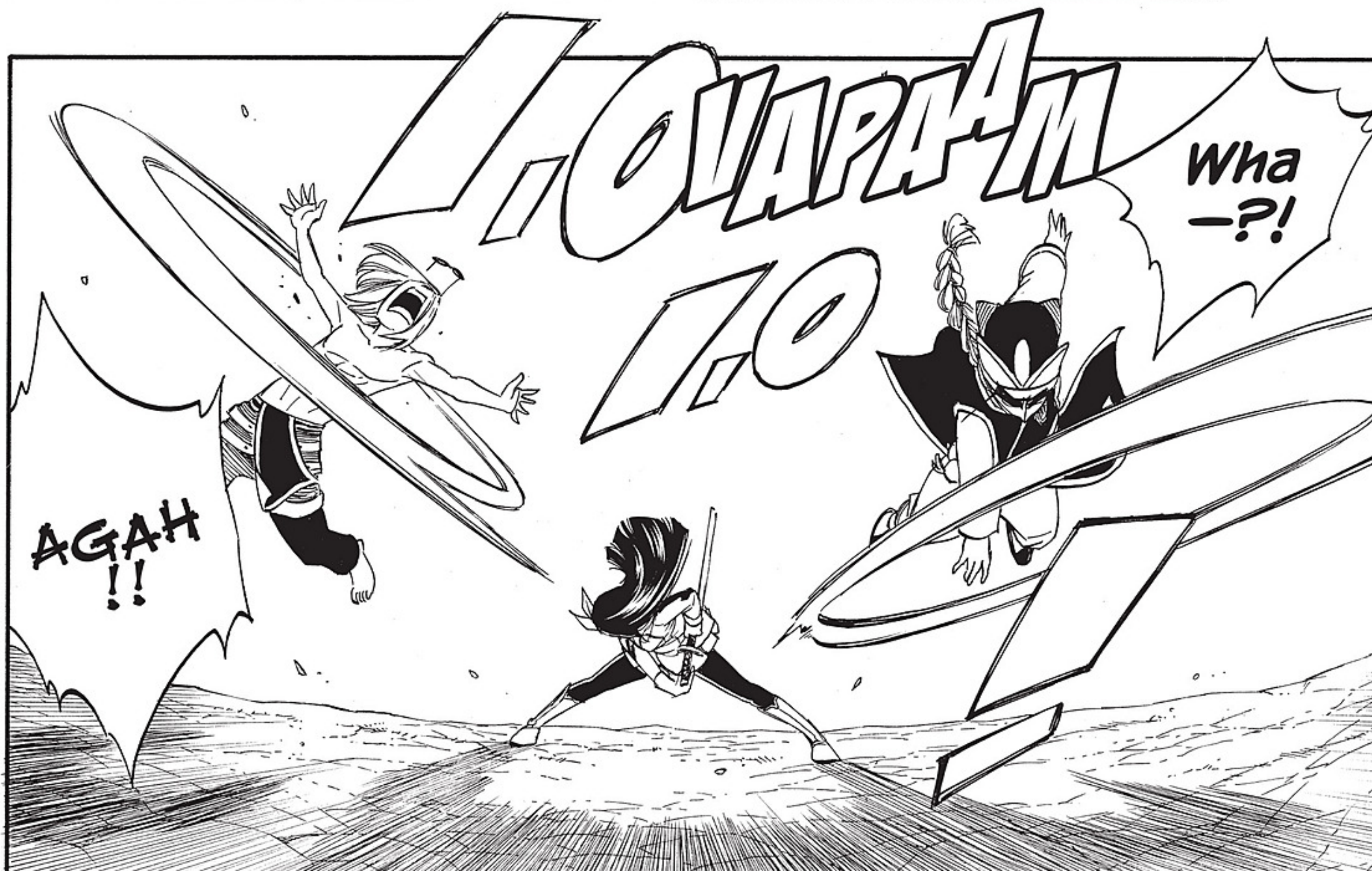


Then let's
gang up and
take him
down!!

Oohn!
Oooohn!!

He stole
our prey,
dammit
!!

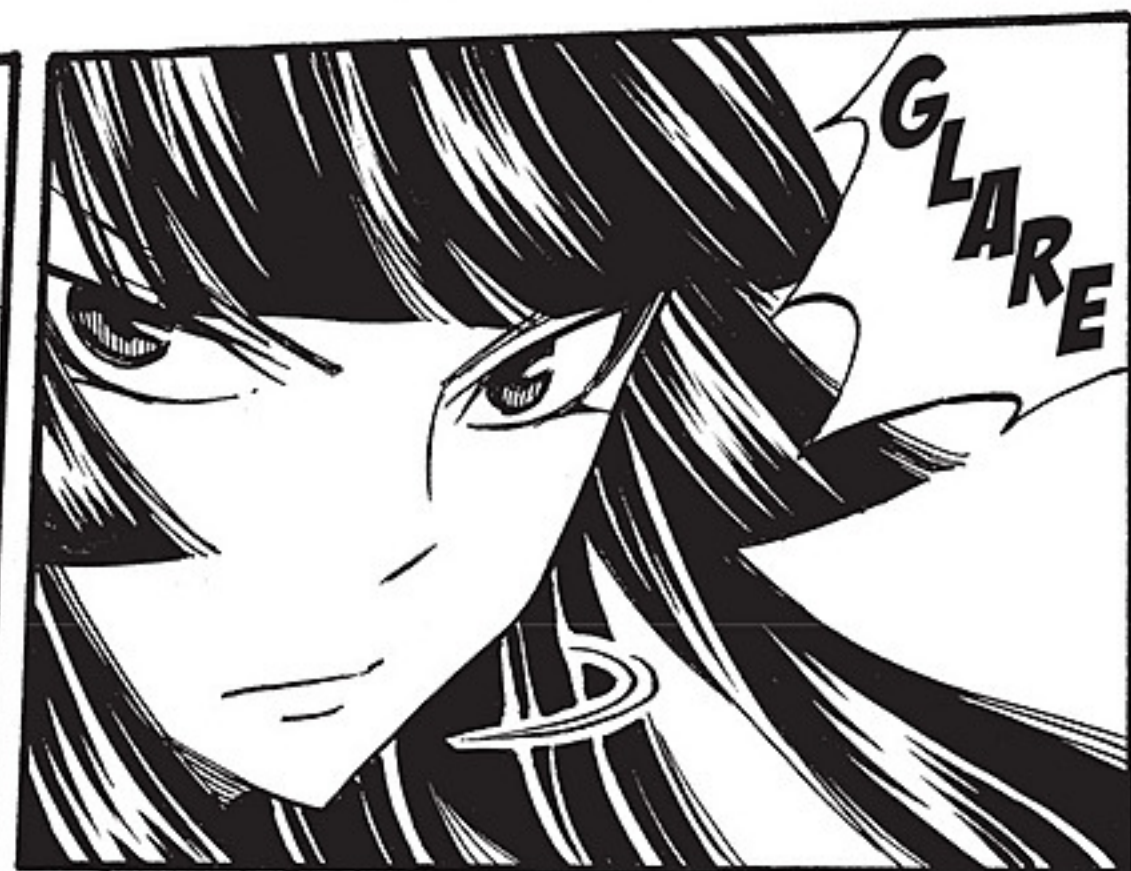
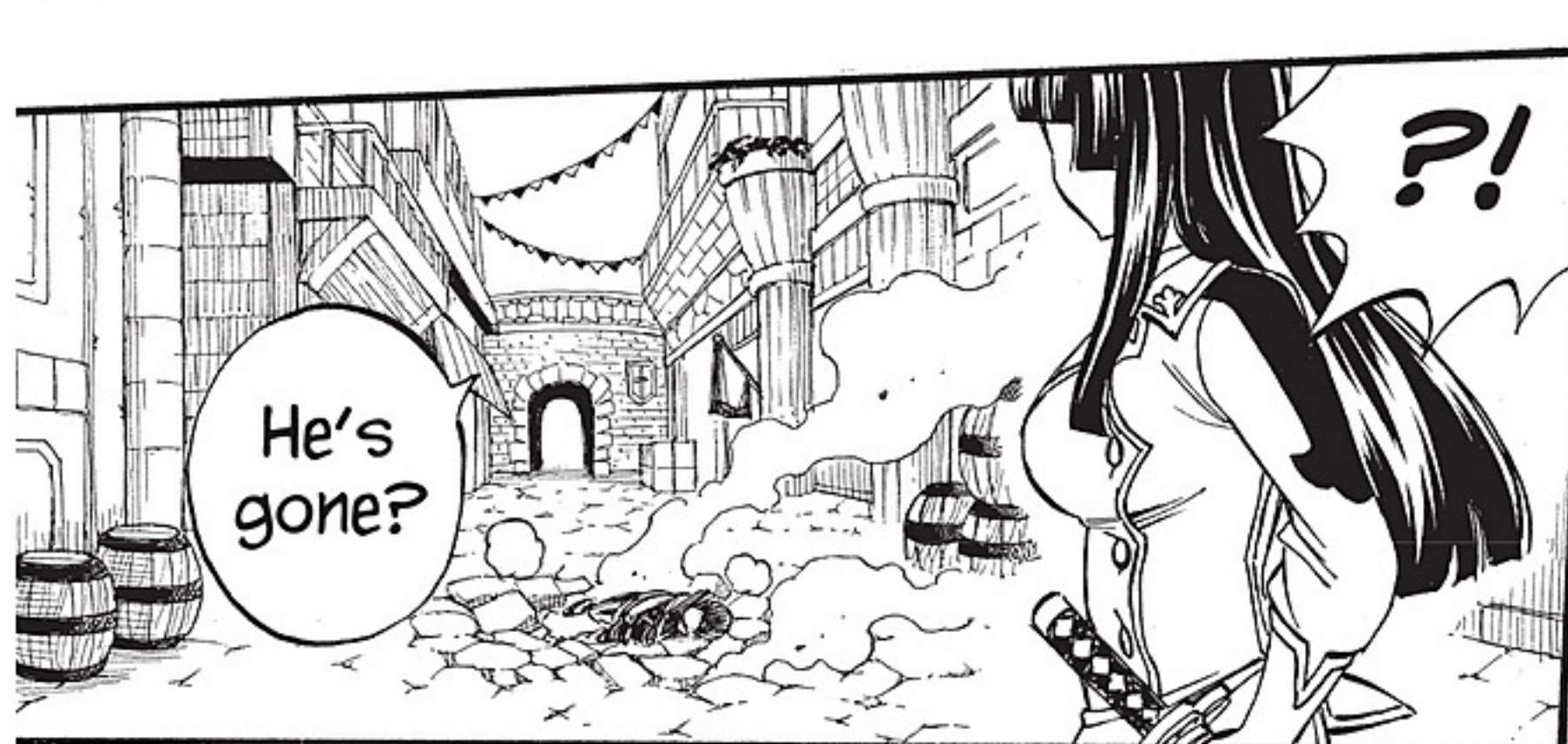
AAAAAA
AAAA!!!



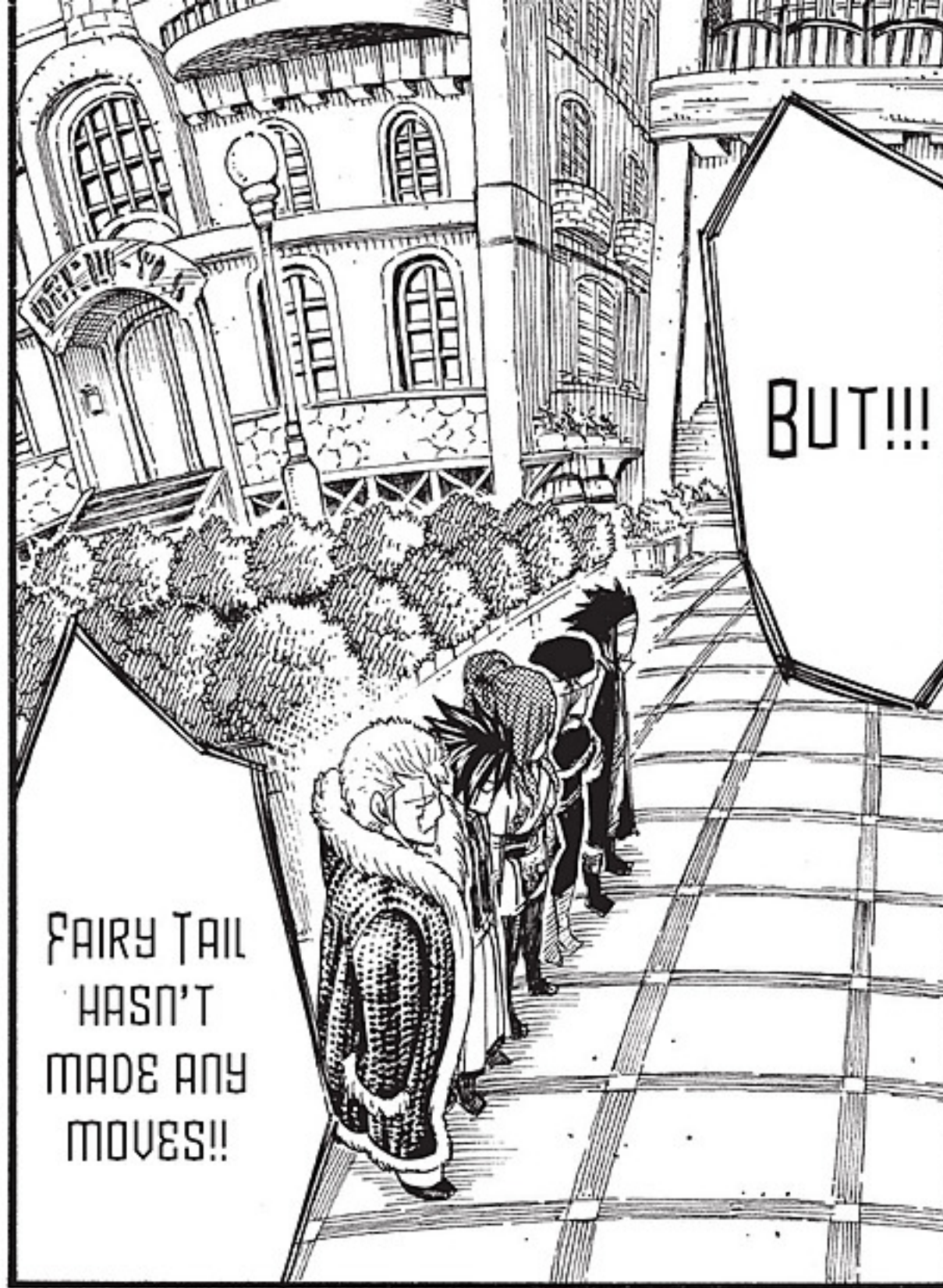
TOIAPAM

Wha
-?!

AGAH
!!



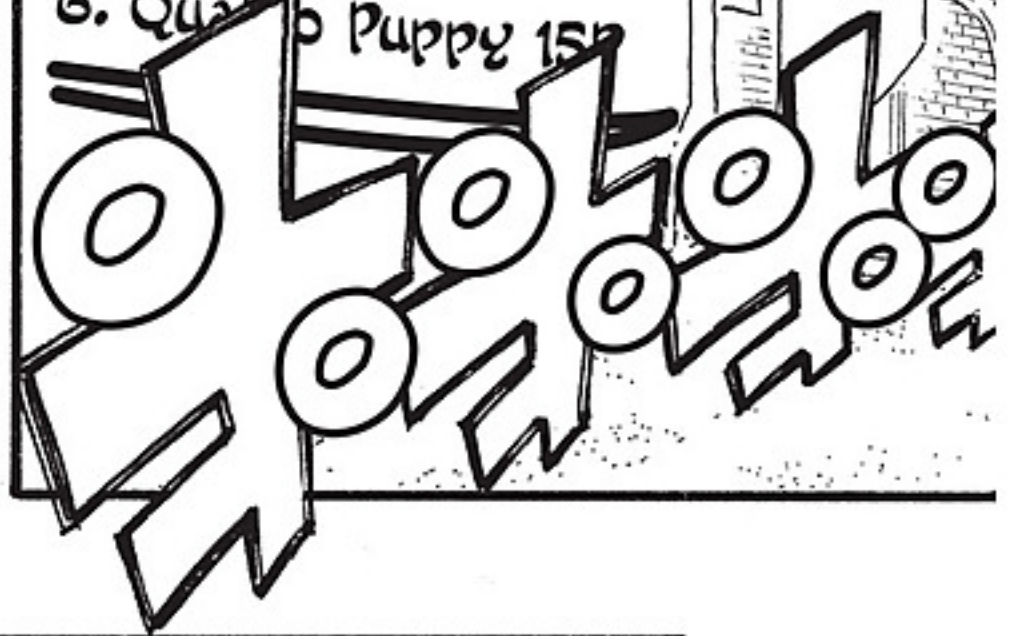
What do they think they're doing?!! They have to win this to save Lucy!!!



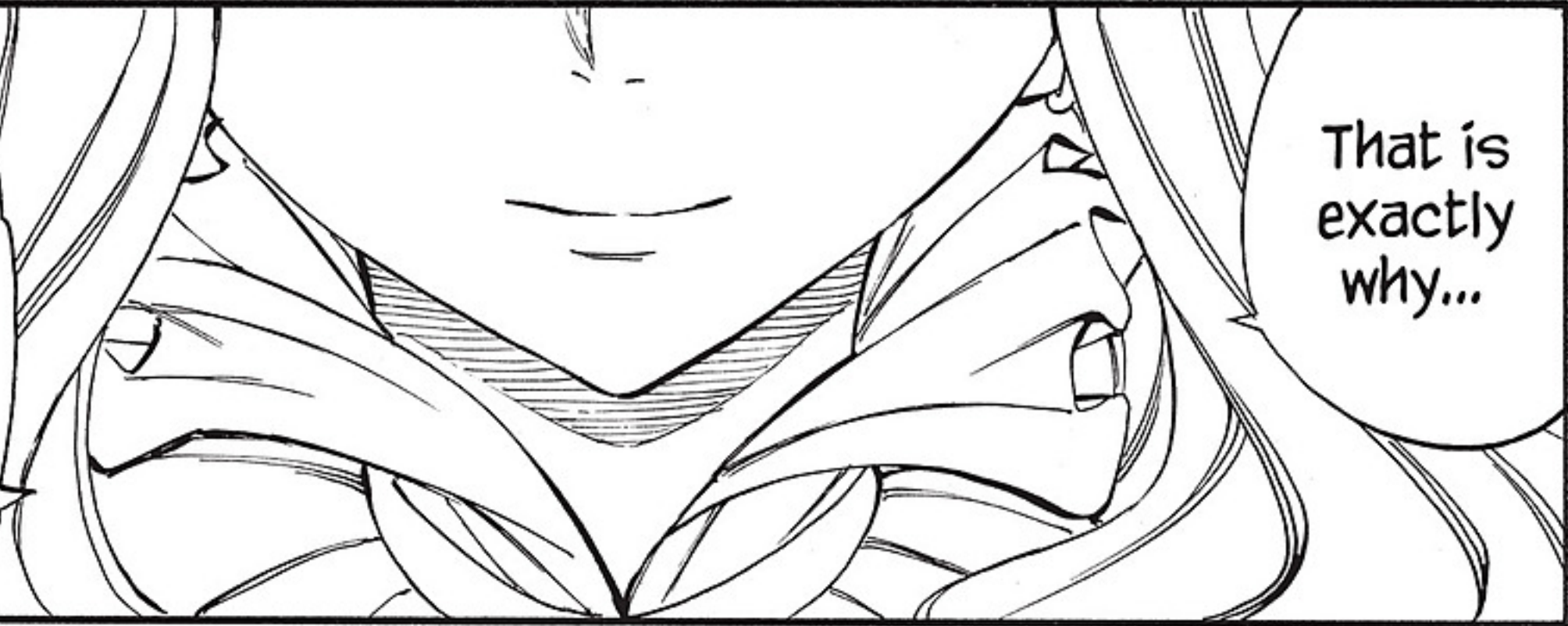
FAIRY TAIL HASN'T MADE ANY MOVES!!

1. Saber Tooth
2. Fairy Tail
3. Mermaid Heel
3. Lamia Scale 43p
5. Blue Pegasus 31p
6. Quatro Puppy 15p

THE POINTS ARE MOVING AT A DIZZING SPEED!!!



That is exactly why they must approach this with calm determination.



That is exactly why...



I've been making calculations and running through millions of simulations.

...and recording it all in my mind.

From the very start, for the past four days, I've been observing the enemy's battle power, magics, psychologies, movement patterns...

?!



SHIVER

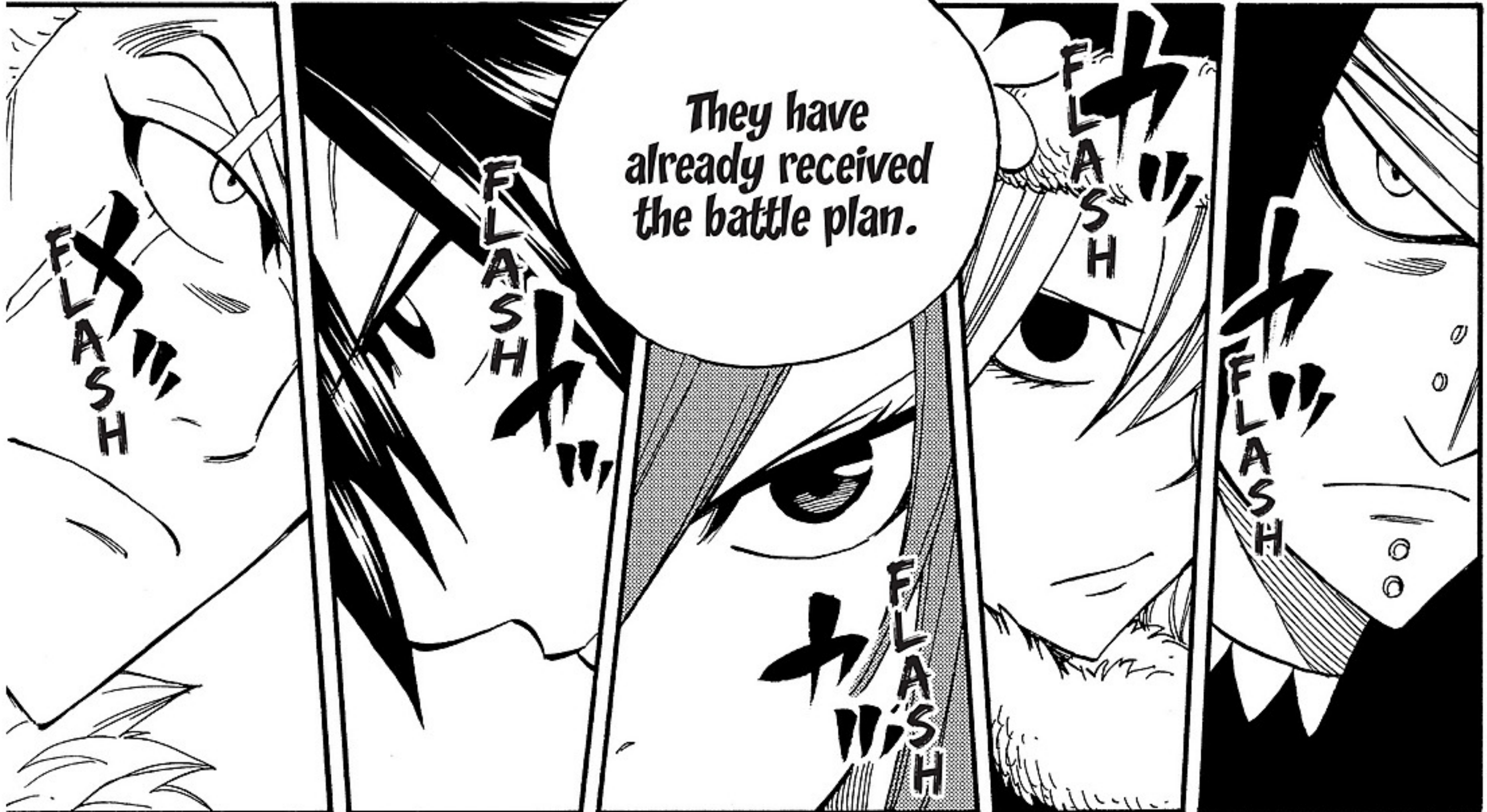
...and so far,
everything
has gone
according to my
calculations.

I've predicted
the enemy's
movements,
results and
location
information...

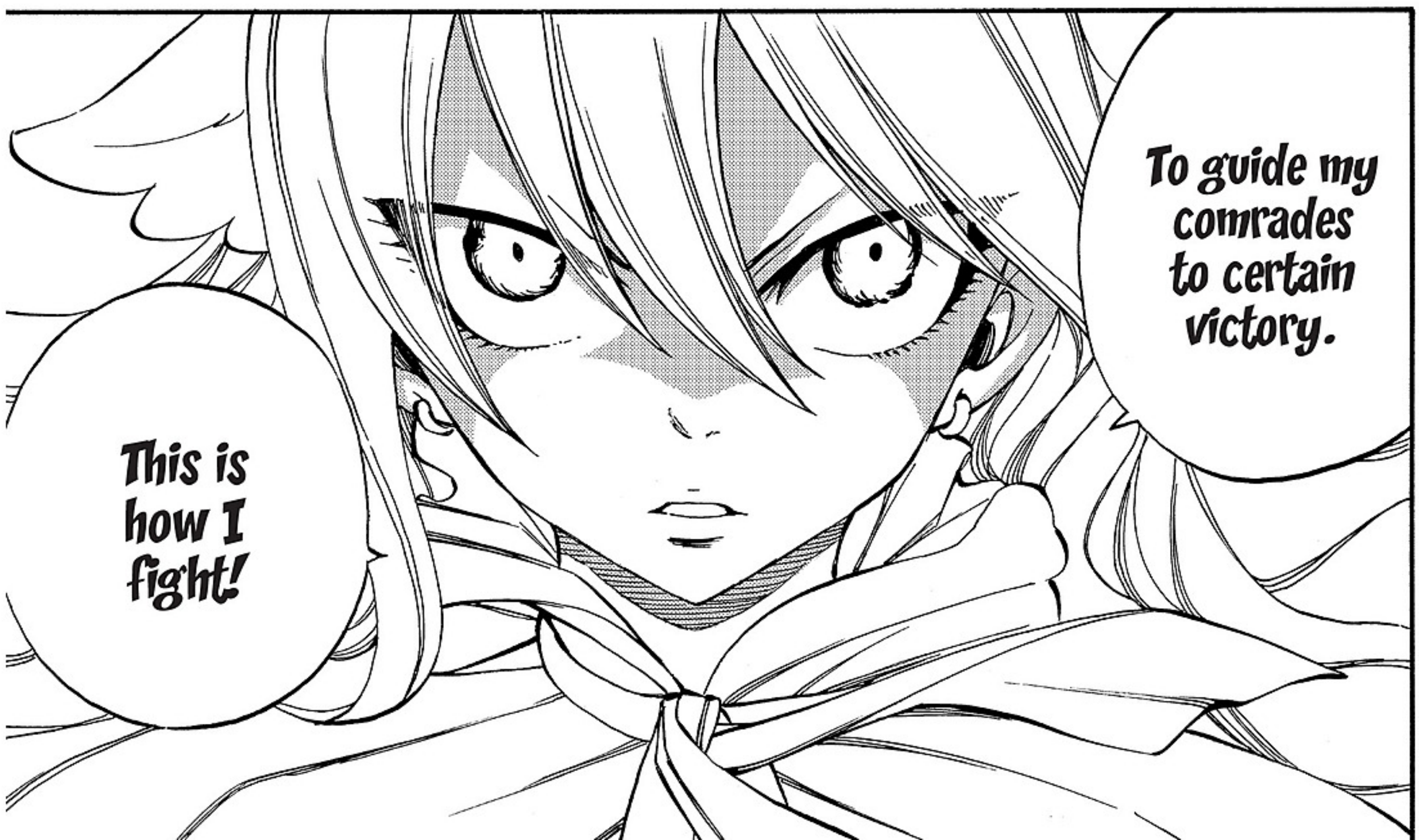


First
Master...
What...

?!!



They have
already received
the battle plan.



**This is
how I
fight!**

To guide my
comrades
to certain
victory.

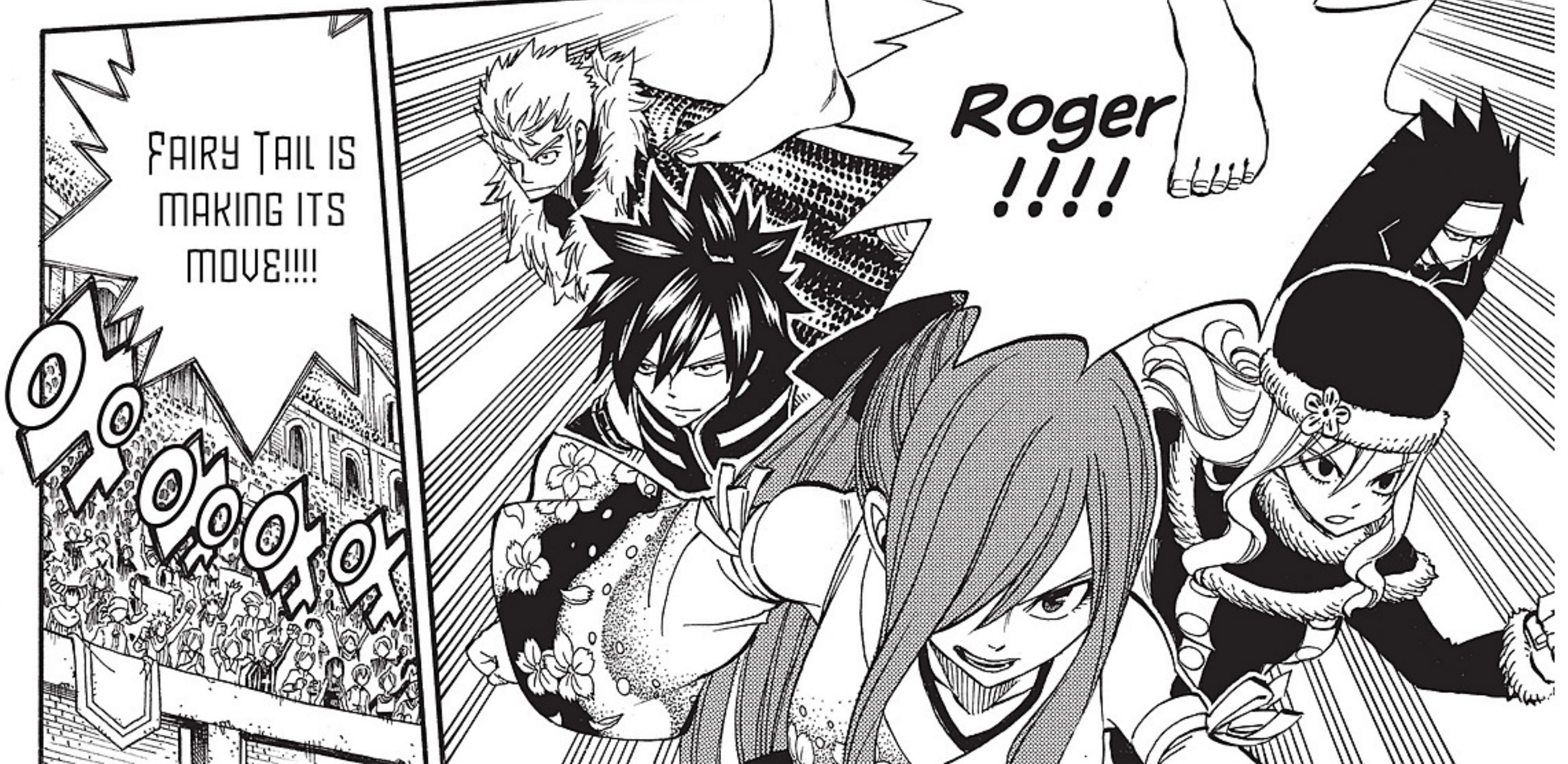
BOOM!

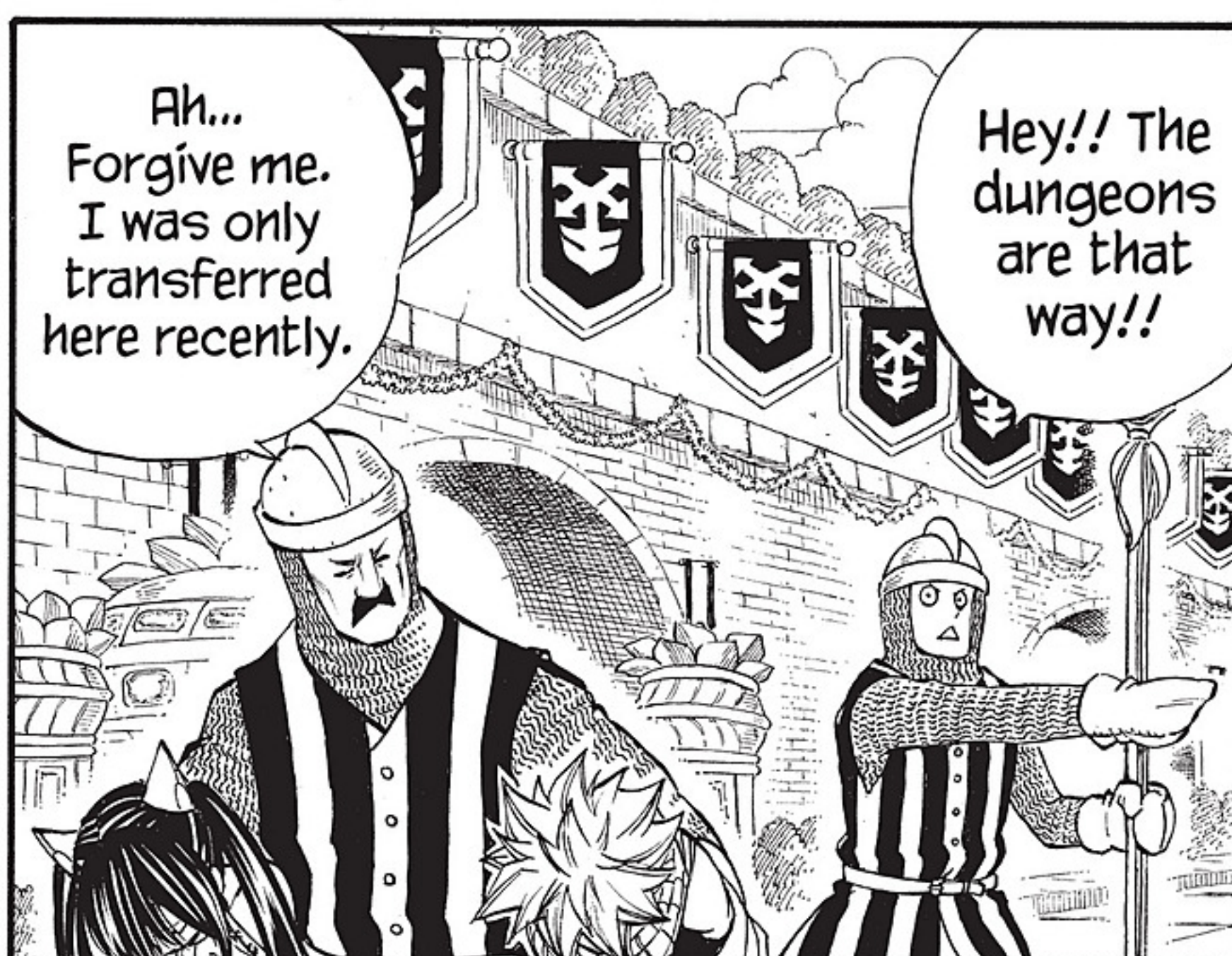
**Launch
Operation
Fairy Stars
!!!!**

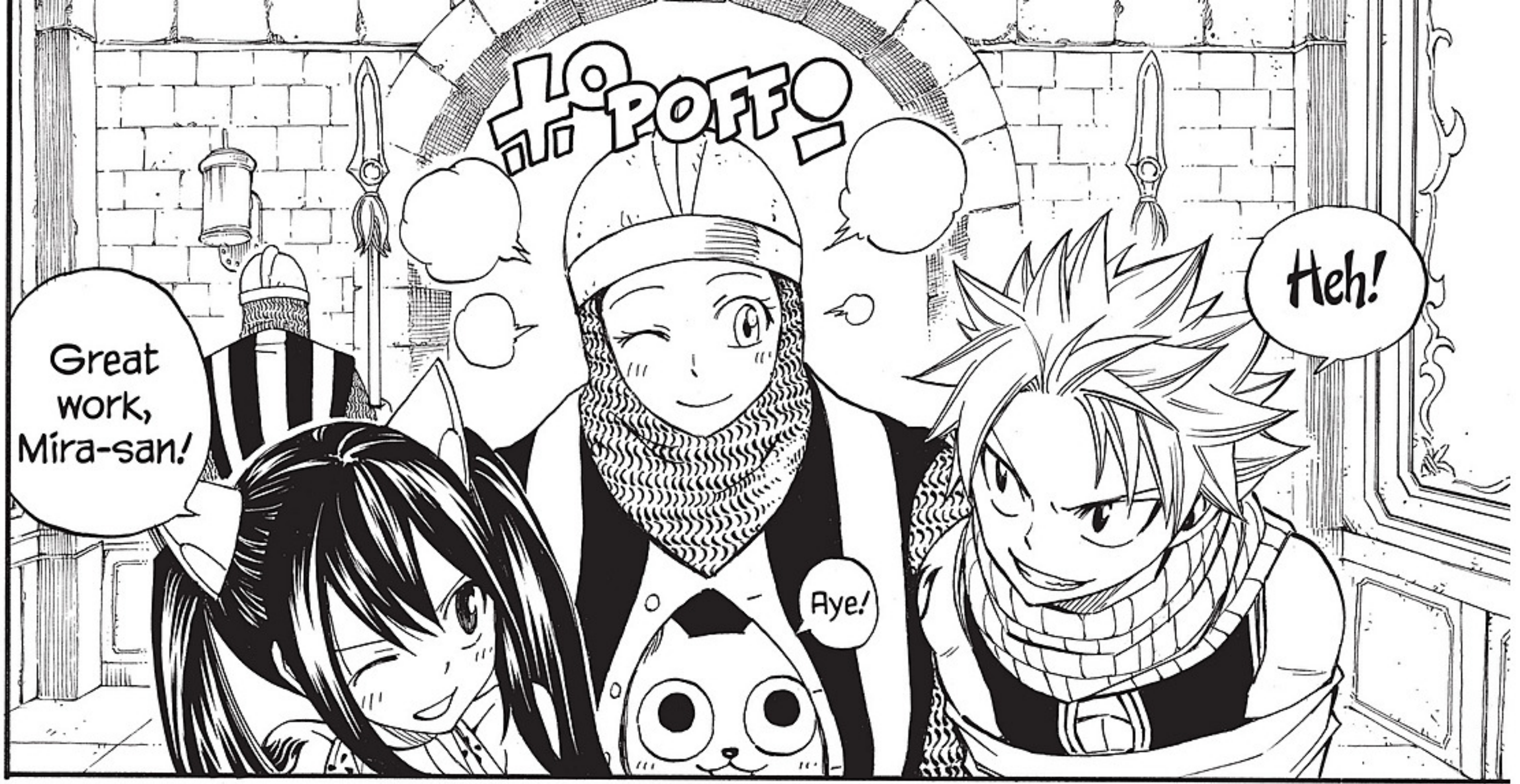


**Roger
!!!!**

FAIRY TAIL IS
MAKING ITS
MOVE!!!!







FAIRY TAIL

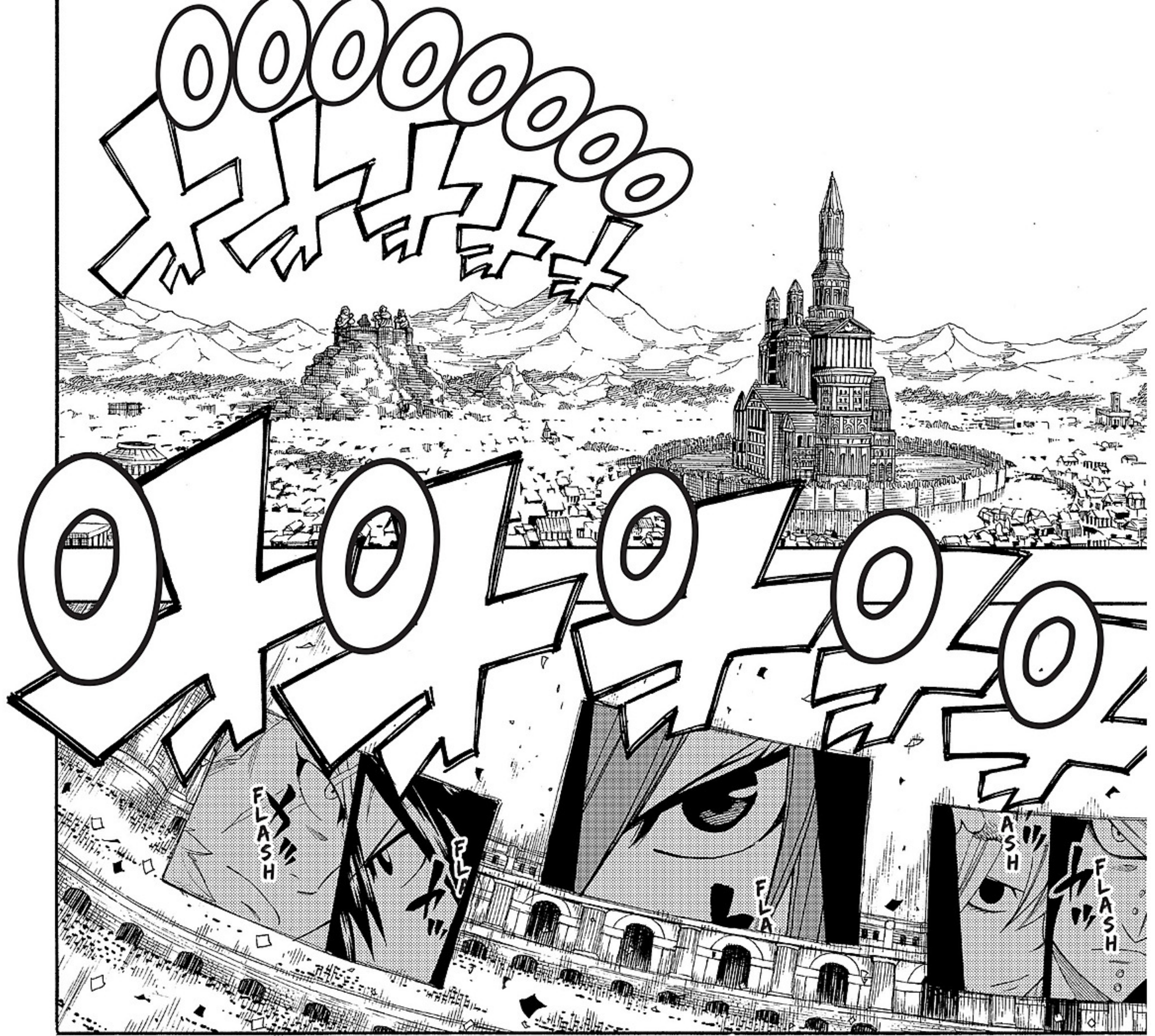
フェアリーテイル

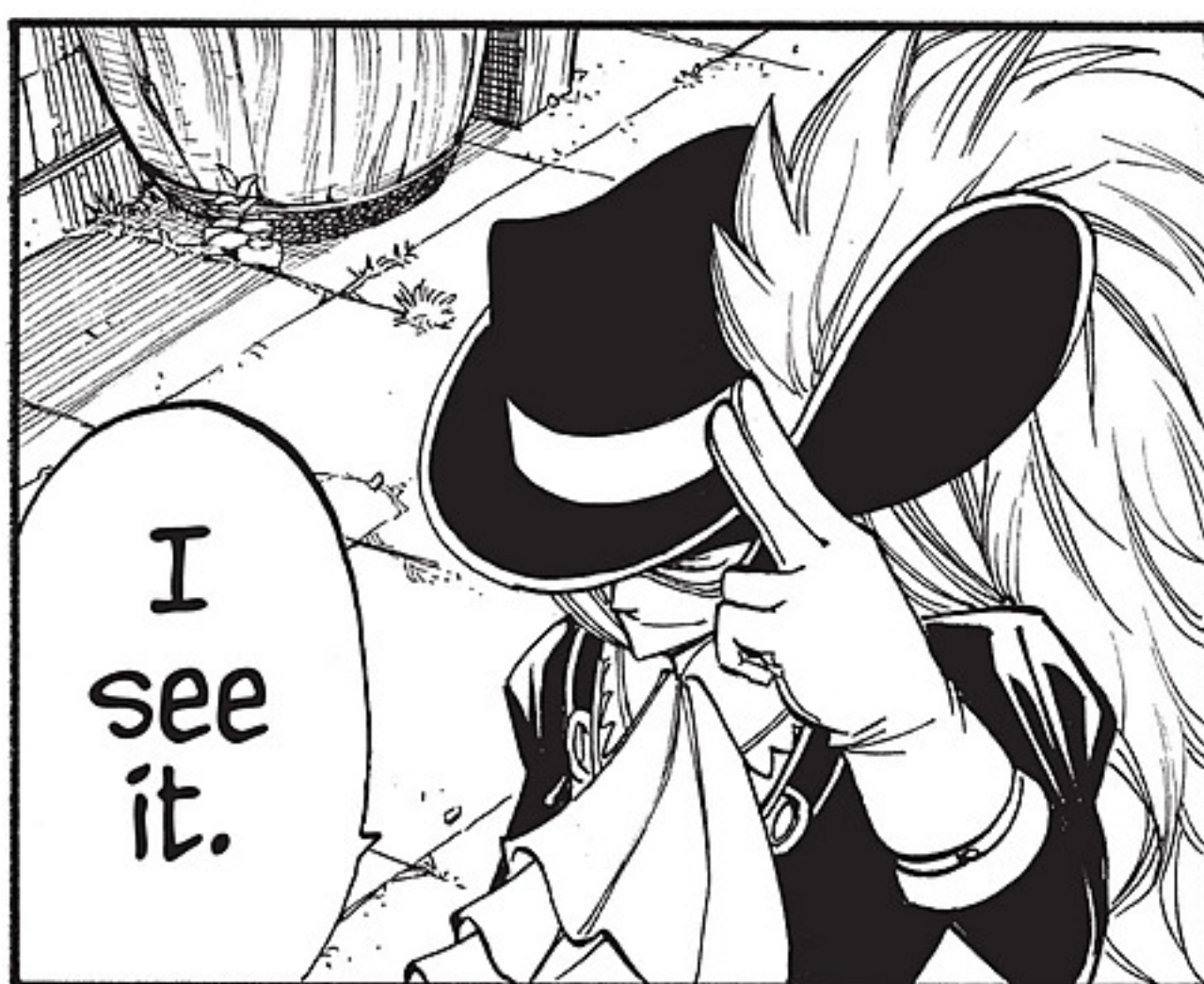
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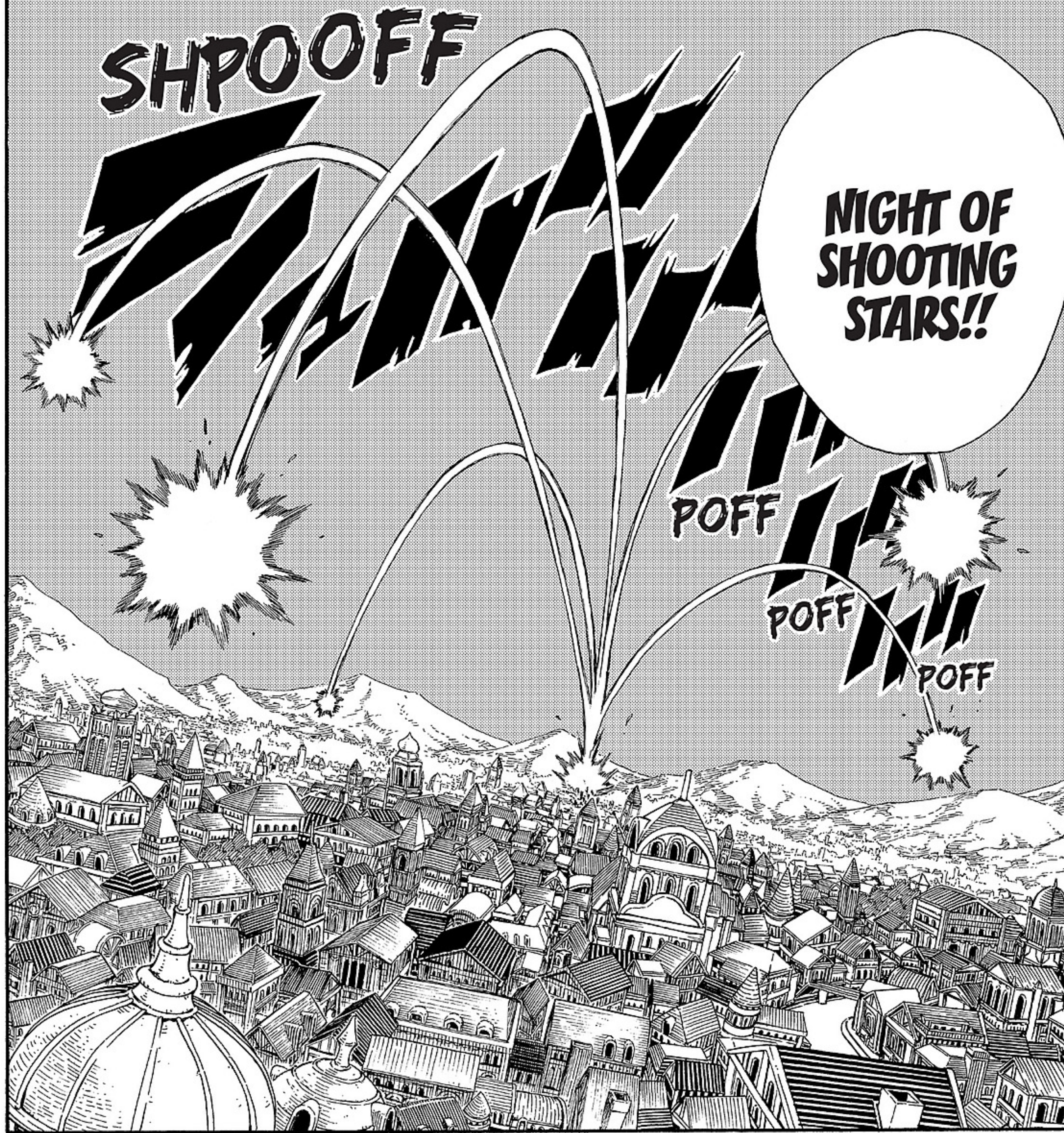
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2. Fairy Tail	45P		▼ x1	▽ x4
3. Mermaid Heel	43P		▼ x1	▽ x2
3. Lamia Scale	43P		▼ x1	▽ x2
5. Blue Pegasus	32P		▼ x1	▽ x4



Chapter 305: Fairy Strategist









You think
I'd fall
for the
same trick
twice?!



Humph!



This magic has an
electrical aspect.
Laxus alone should
simply put up his
guard.



That gave
the enemy
a shock.
He's now
confused.

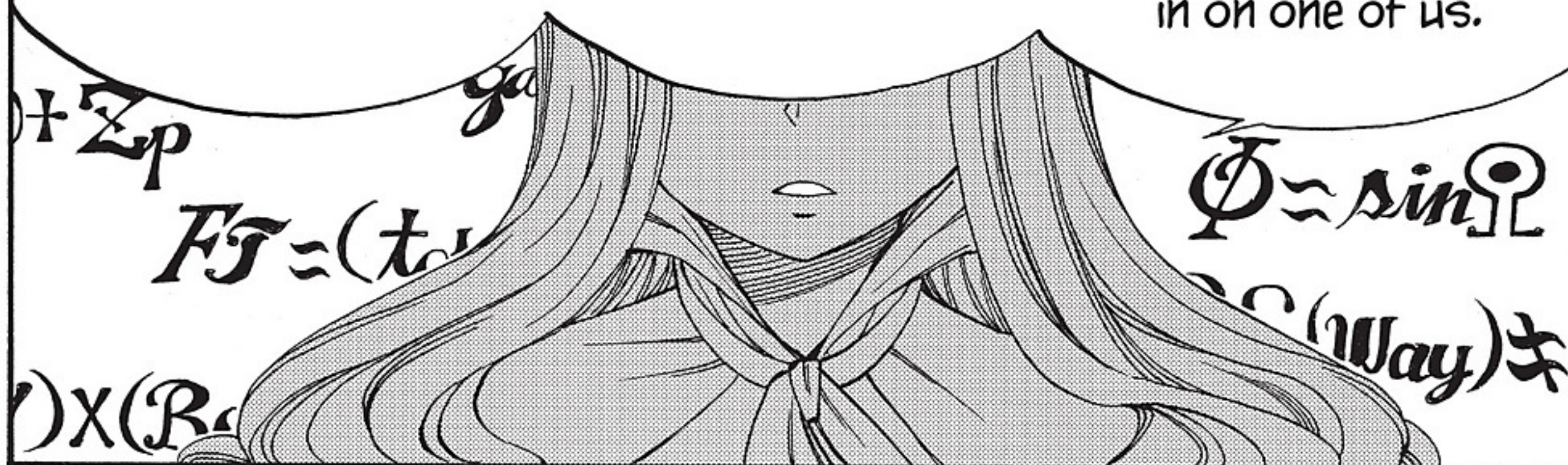
What?!

He
simply
took
it?!

If he chooses the latter, he will have no effect on our plan.

There is a 32% chance he will stand by where he is.

In his confusion, there is a 68% chance that Rufus will attempt to close in on one of us.



The only thing I've figured for sure is it's a plan to see us through to a win.

Operation Fairy Stars...?



I don't know...

What is the first master saying...?

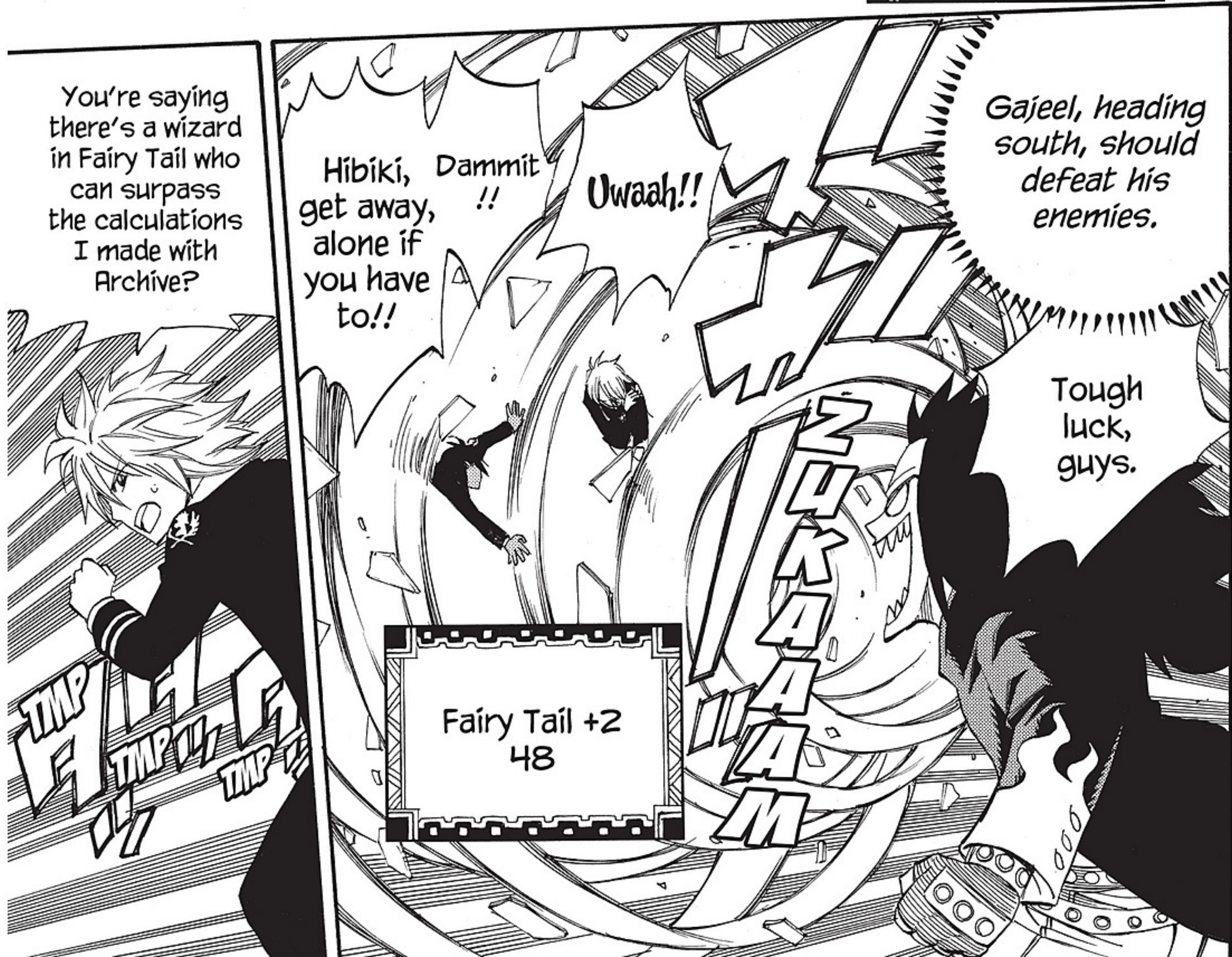
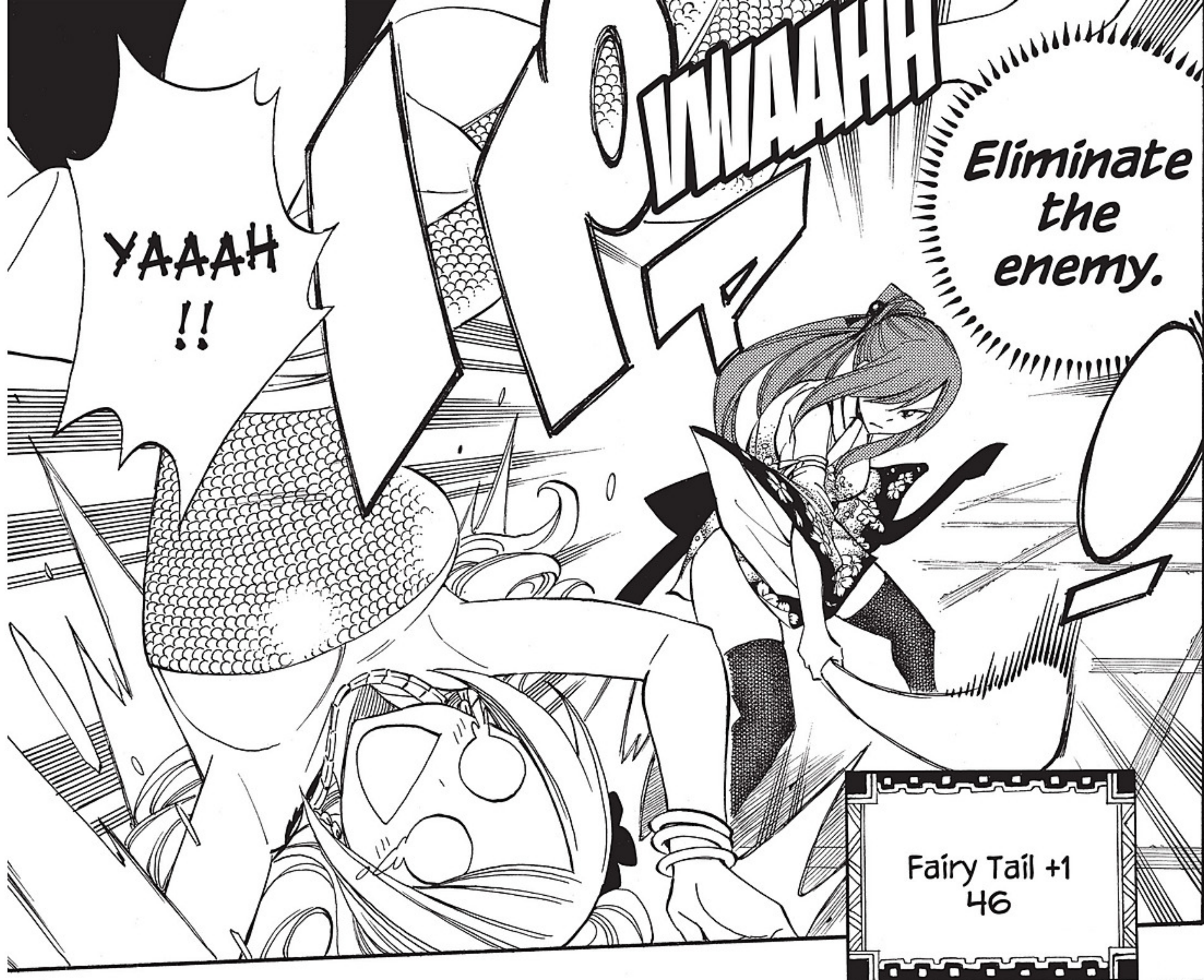


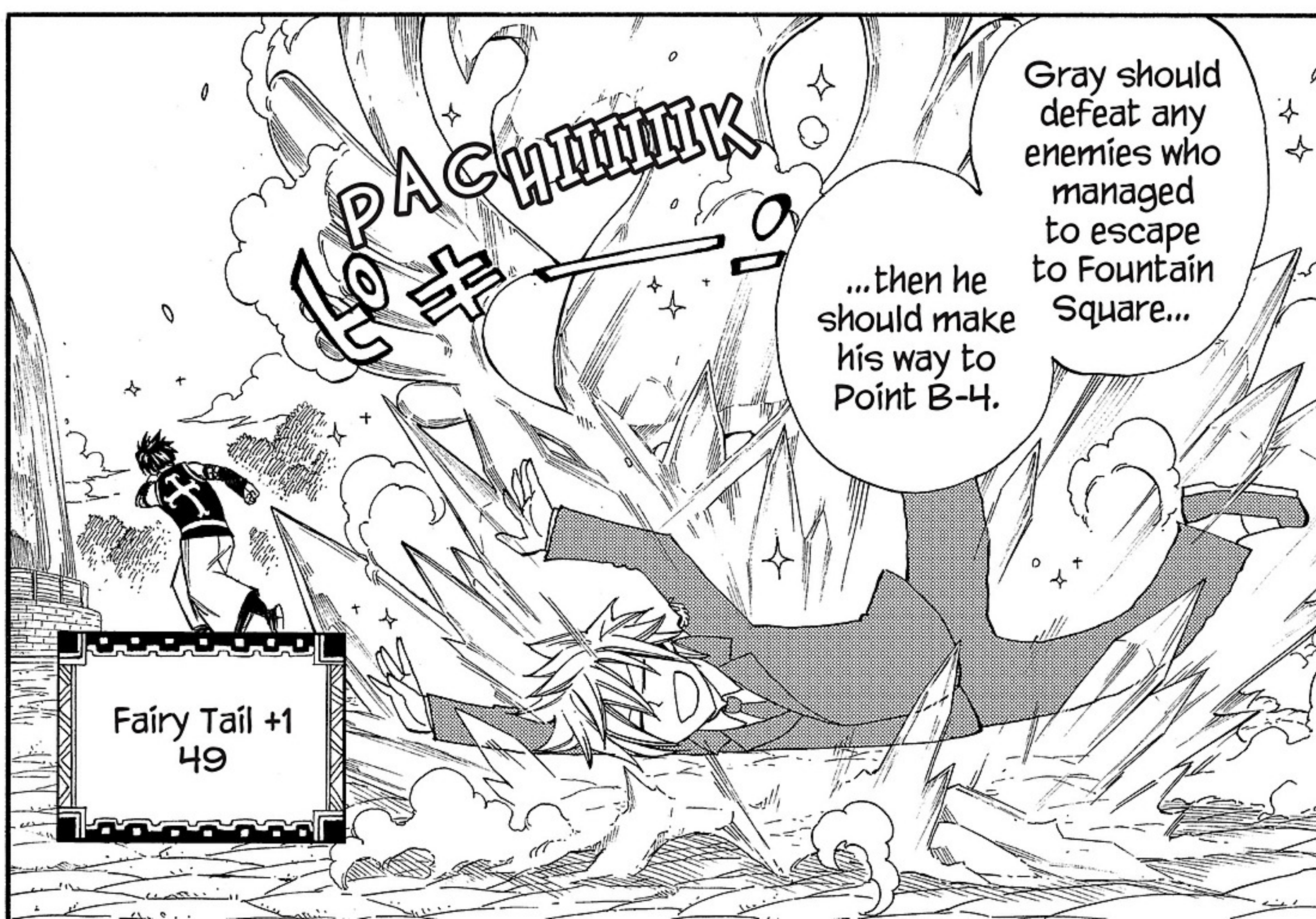
GAK!
Erza!!

She is truly formidable.

Just like the first master said.

Erza, heading north-west, should encounter an enemy at this time.





Y
A
H
O
O
!!

The first master's battle plan was right on the nose!!

All
right
!!

Amazing
!!

IT'S
FAIRY
TAIL!!!

NOW THEY'RE
TIED FOR THE
TOP SPOT!!

PING

1. Fairy Tail	49p
1. Saber Tooth	49p
3. Mermaid Heel	43p
3. Lamia Scale	43p
5. Blue Pegasus	32p
Extra Puppy	15p

5. Blue Pegasus
Puppy 150

Erza, make
for S-5.

There is
enemy
movement
there.

Juvia
should act as
rear guard,
always on the
lookout for
the enemy.

Lexus, stay on course for F-8.

She used that
genius to rack up
victories in battle
after battle...

I-I just remembered

...

...the first
master's
nickname...



**Mavis,
the Fairy
Strategist!**



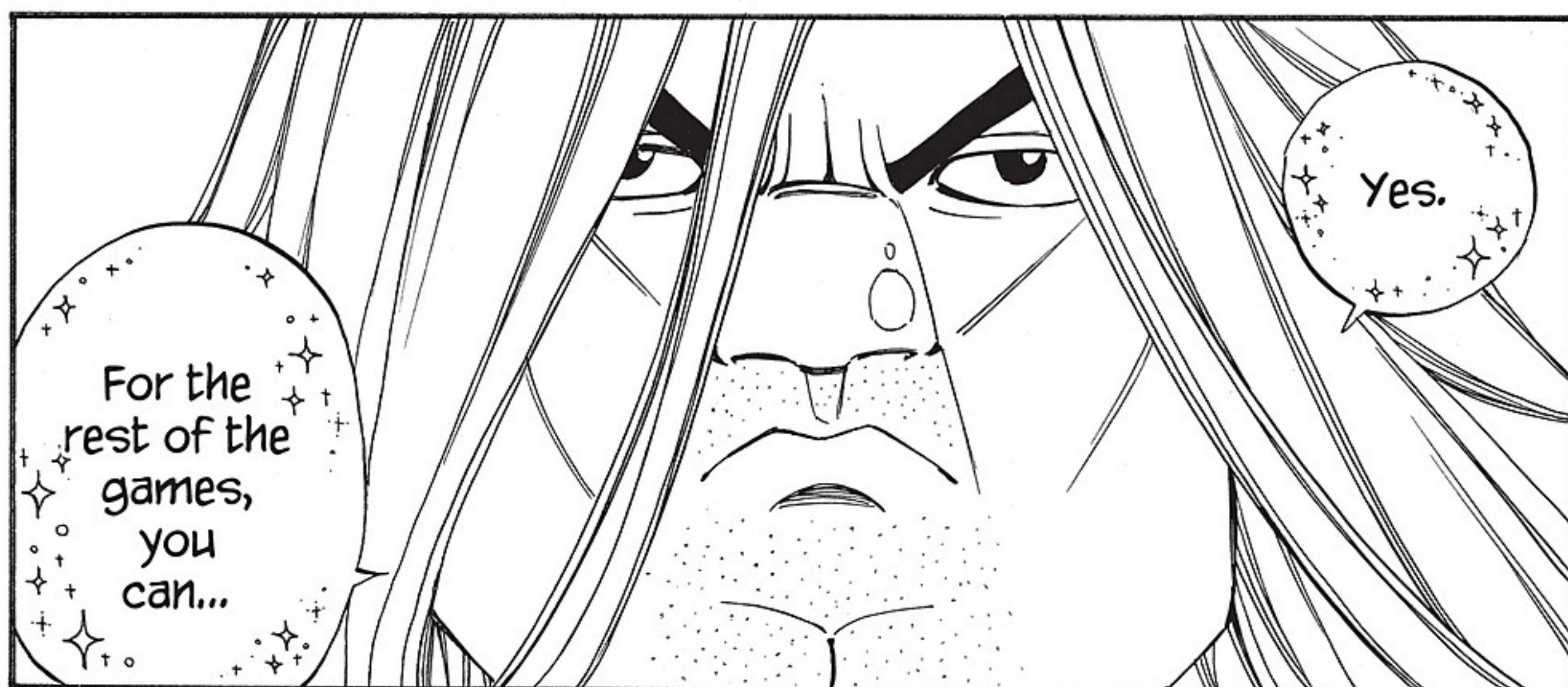
Ichiya-san,
I'm so
sorry...



No matter
what she
looks like,
she did *start*
Fairy Tail.

I thought
she was just
there to
cheer us on.

She's
good at
this...



For the
rest of the
games,
you
can...

Yes.



Your
guard is
down!

leave it to
me!!

HE
TOOK OUT
THE LEADER
OF PEGASUS
TO GAIN HIS
GUILD SP!!!!

THE
WIZARD
SAINT
JURA!!!!

Lamia Scale +5
48

Never under-
estimate the
mermaids
!!!

Lamia Scale +1
49

AND SHERRIA BRINGS
DOWN LISIE FOR
49P!!! THEY'RE TIED
FOR THE TOP SPOT
TOO!!!

Sorry!

The number of
contestants
has dropped
drastically!
Punkin!

Yesh... And
thish takesh
Pegashush
out of the
running ash
well.

WITH THREE TEAMS
ALL TIED FOR THE TOP
SPOT, WE HAVE A
PITCHED BATTLE OUT
THERE!

1. Fairy Tail 49P

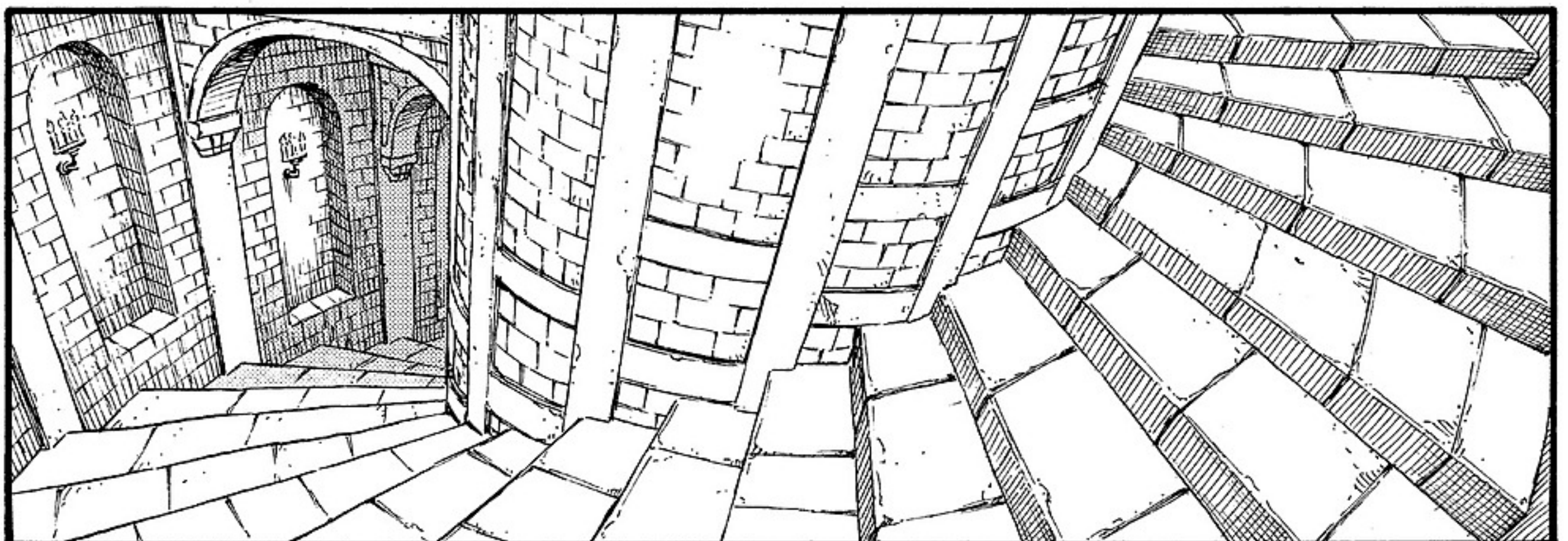
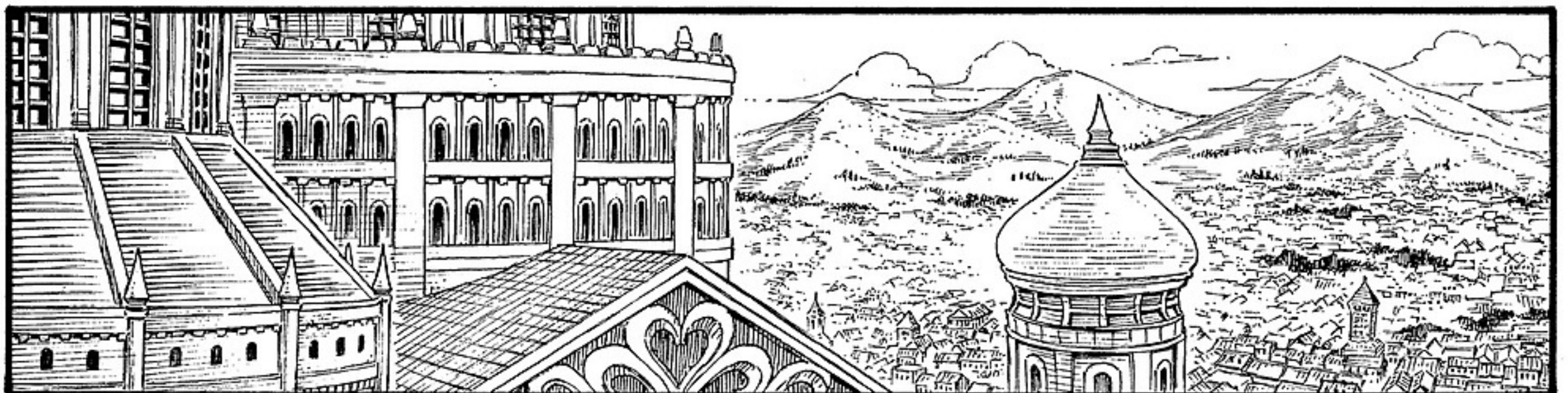
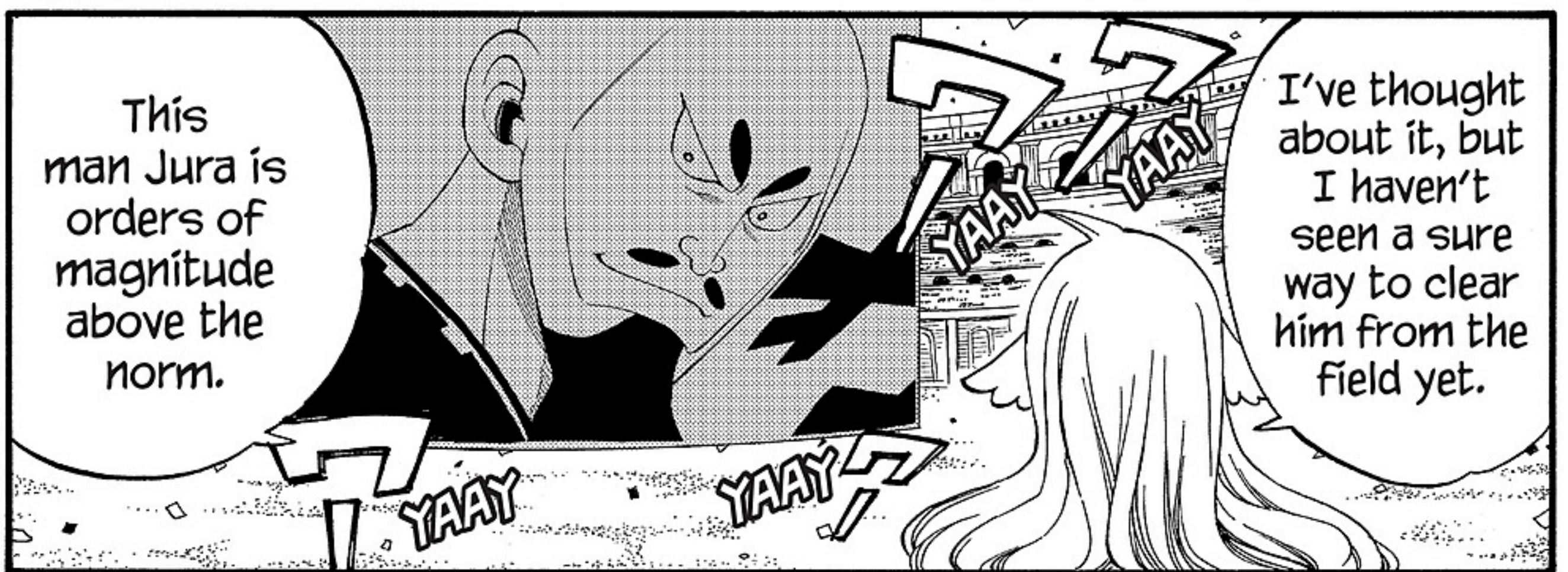
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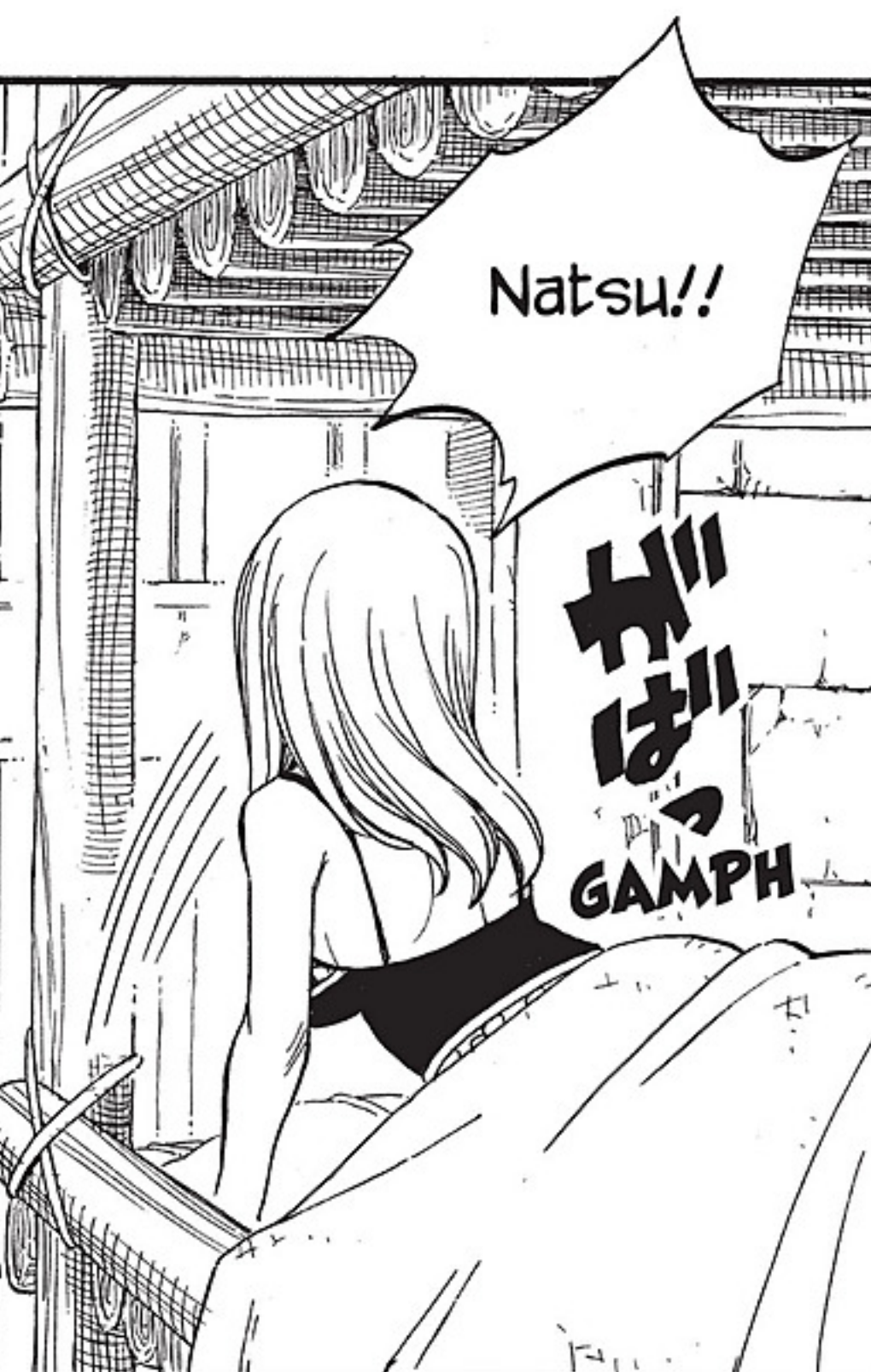
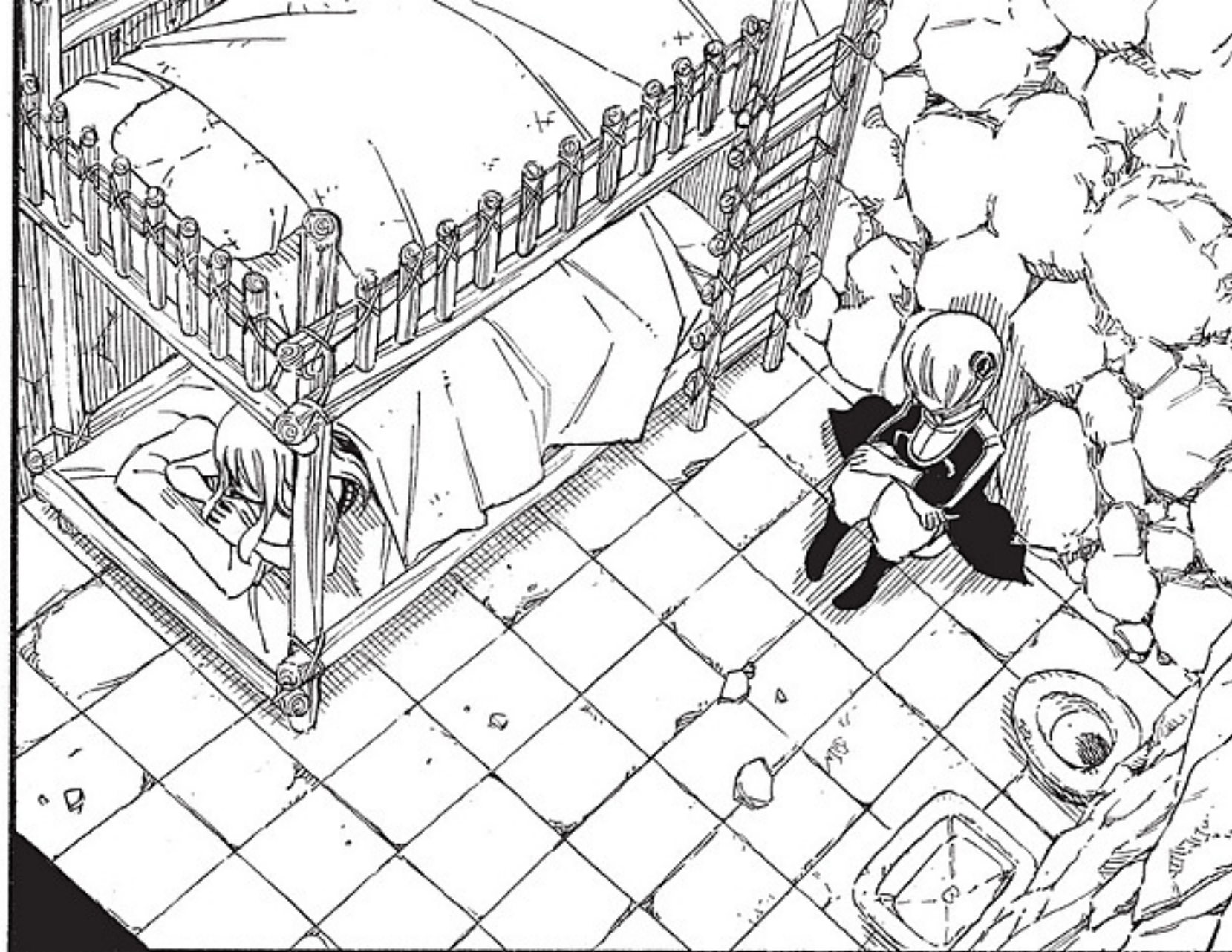
1. Lamia Scale 49P

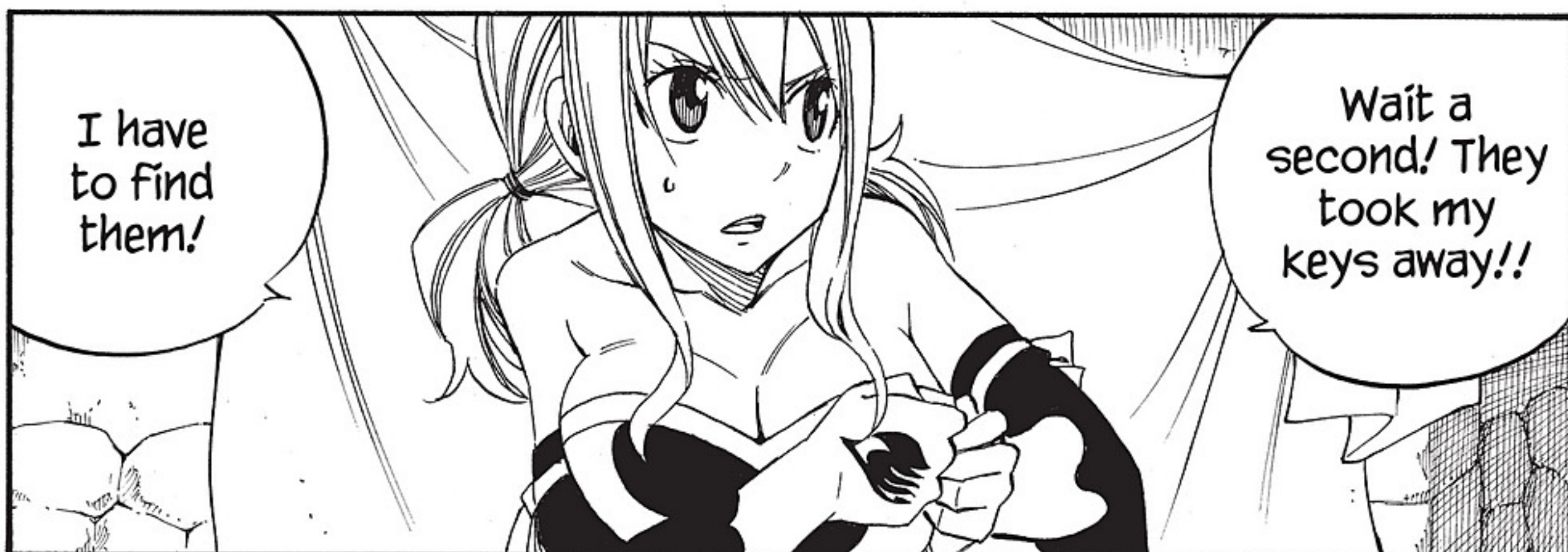
4. Mermaid Heel 43P

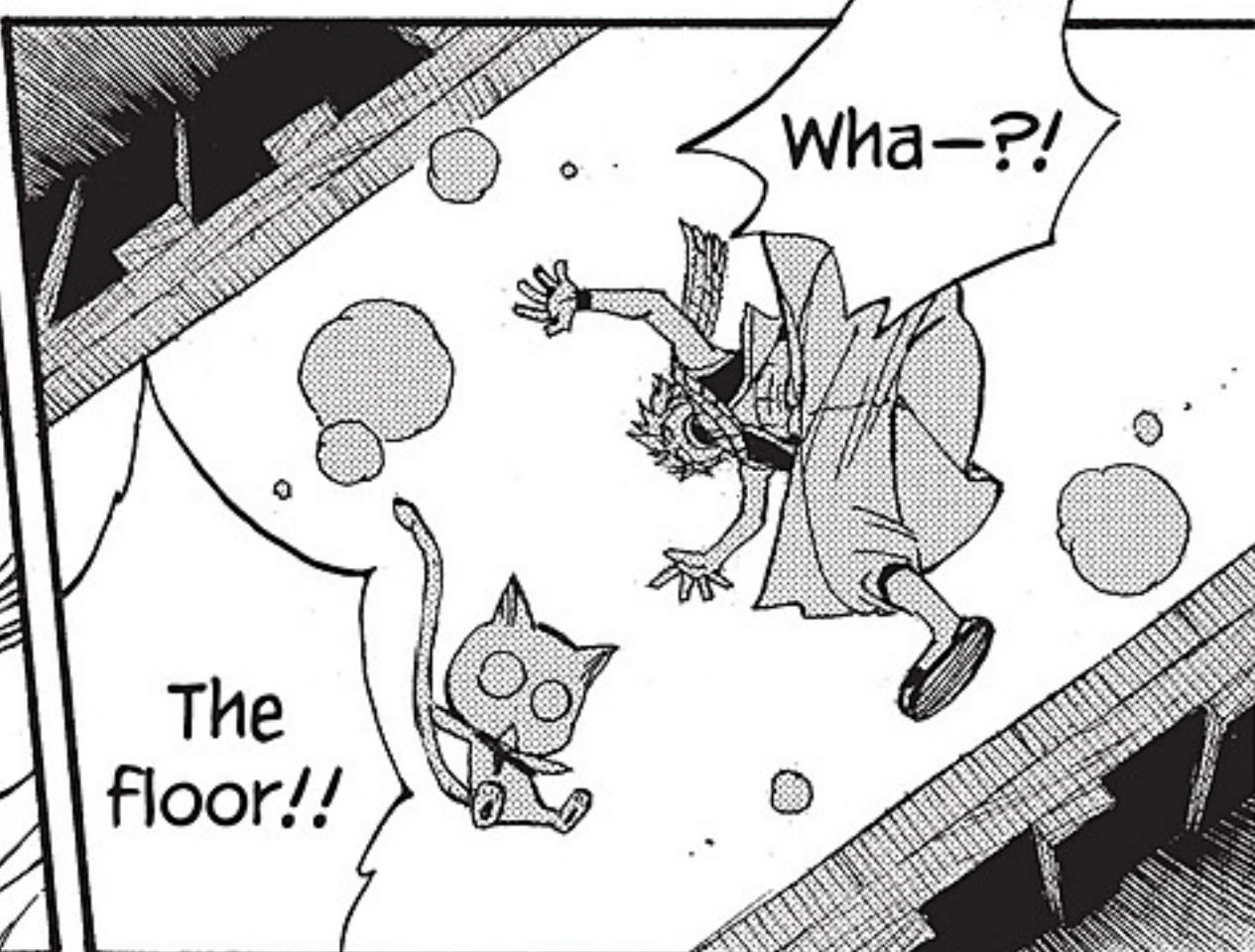
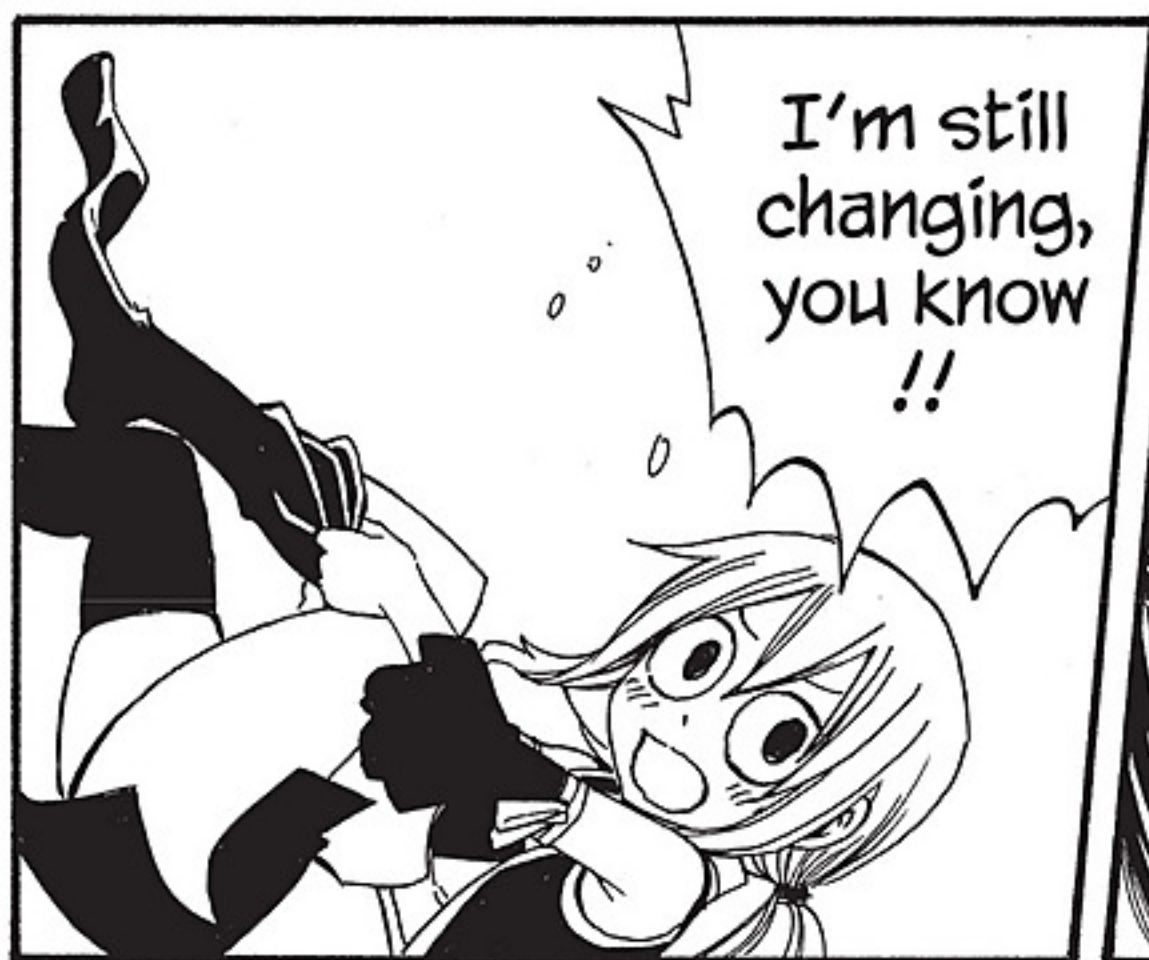
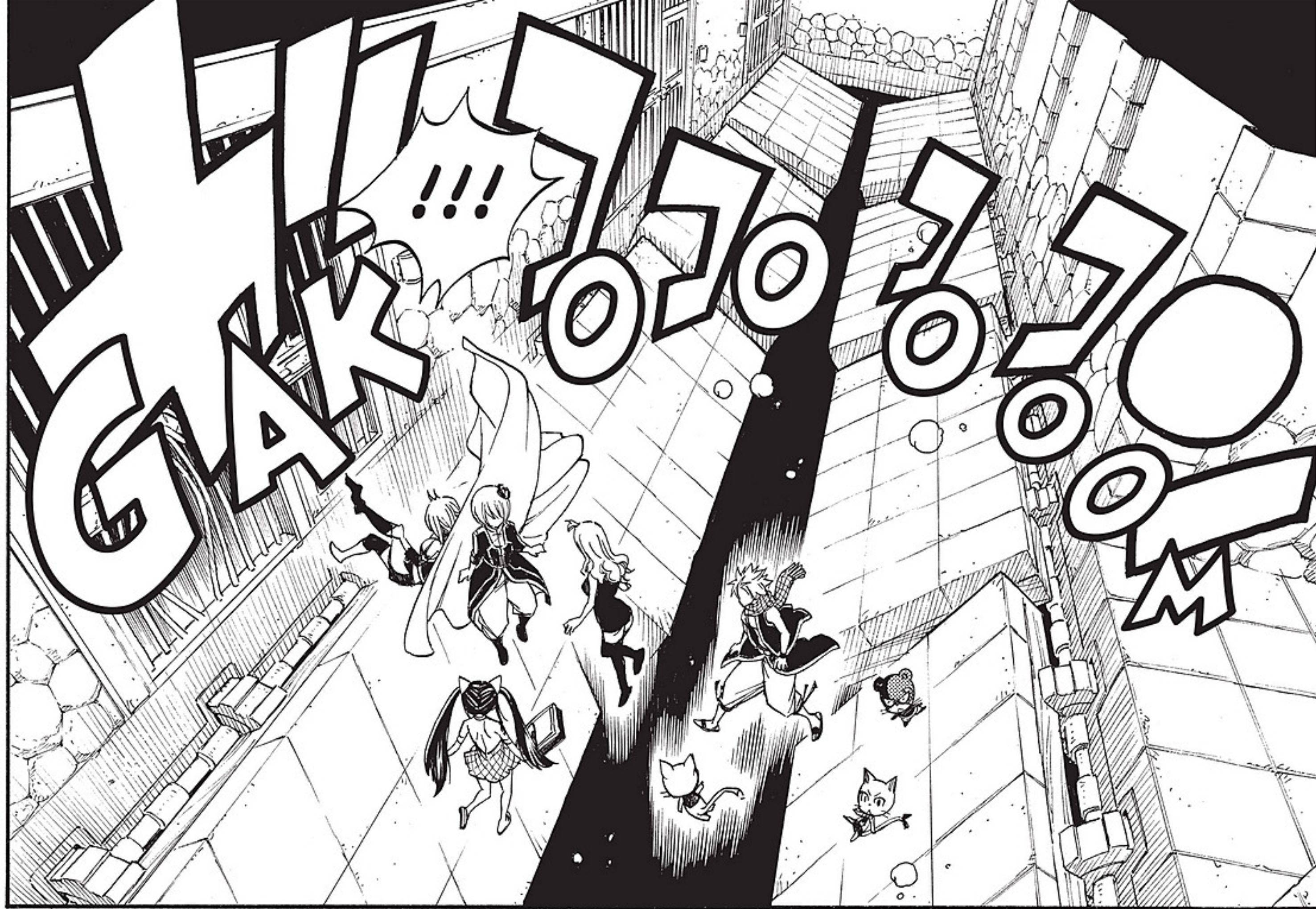
~~5. Blue Pegasus~~

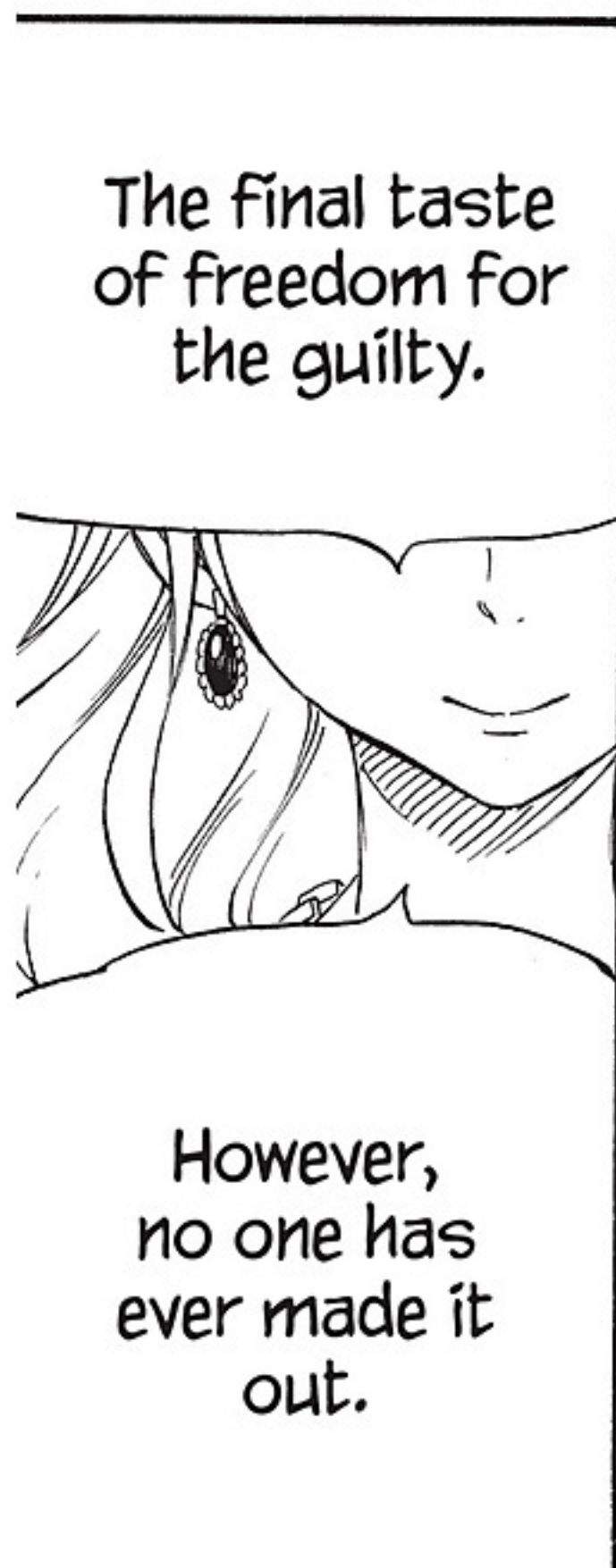
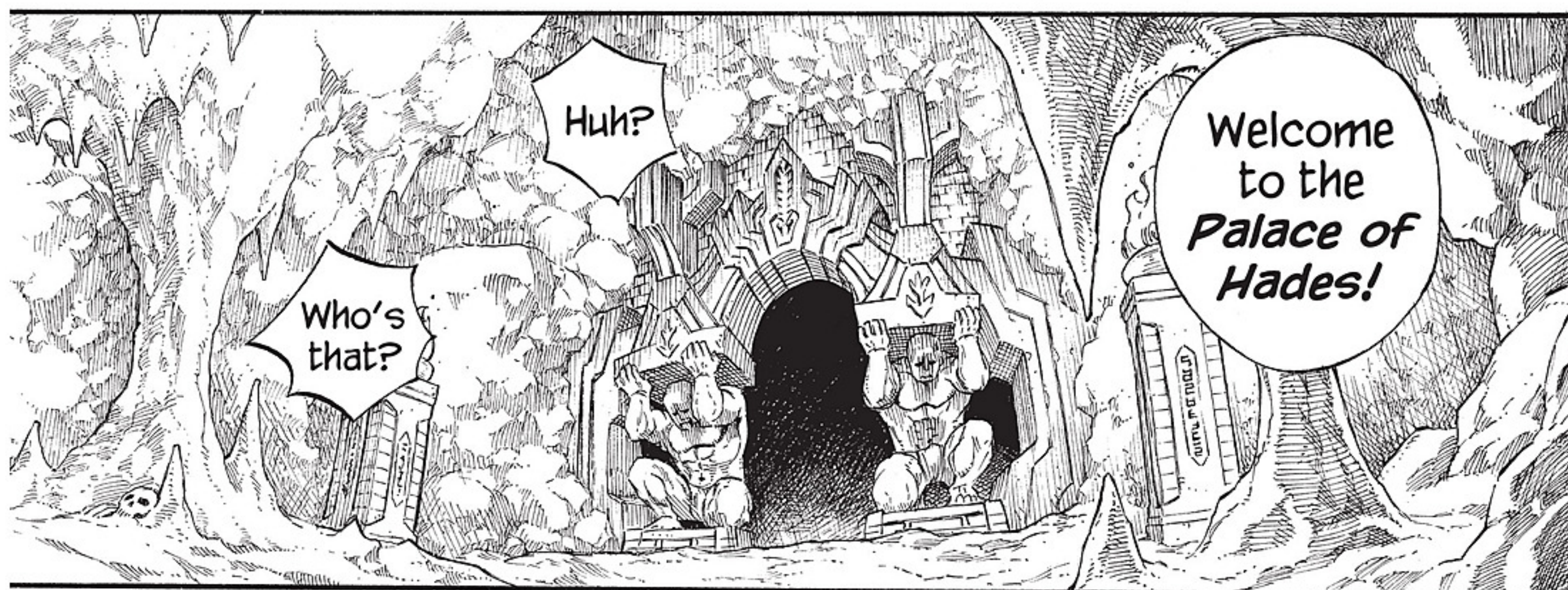
~~6. Quatro Puppy~~











The final taste
of freedom for
the guilty.

However,
no one has
ever made it
out.



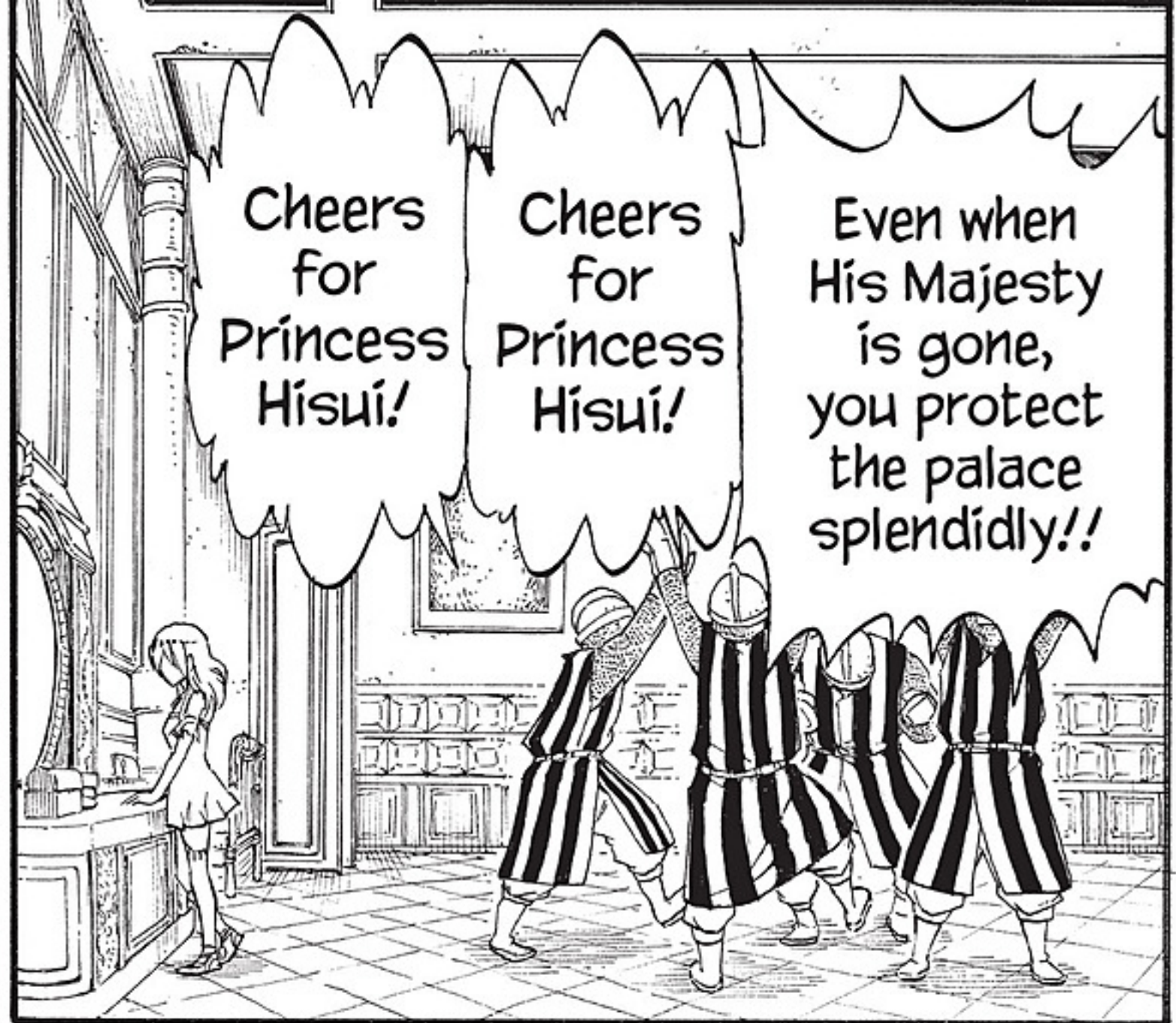
This is
Hades, city
of the dead.

Just look
around
you.



Thank you
for falling
directly into
our trap.

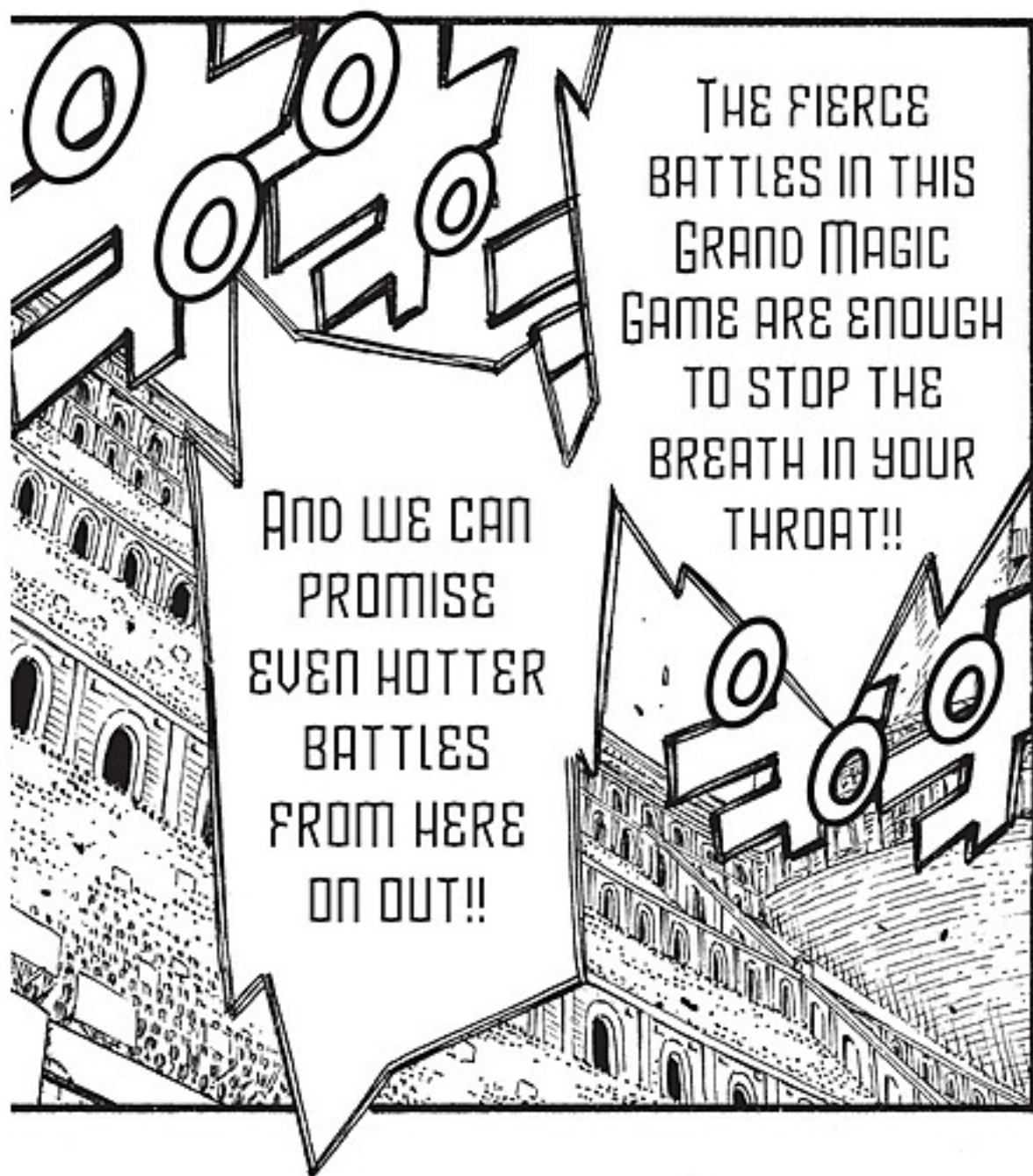




Cheers
for
Princess
Hisui!

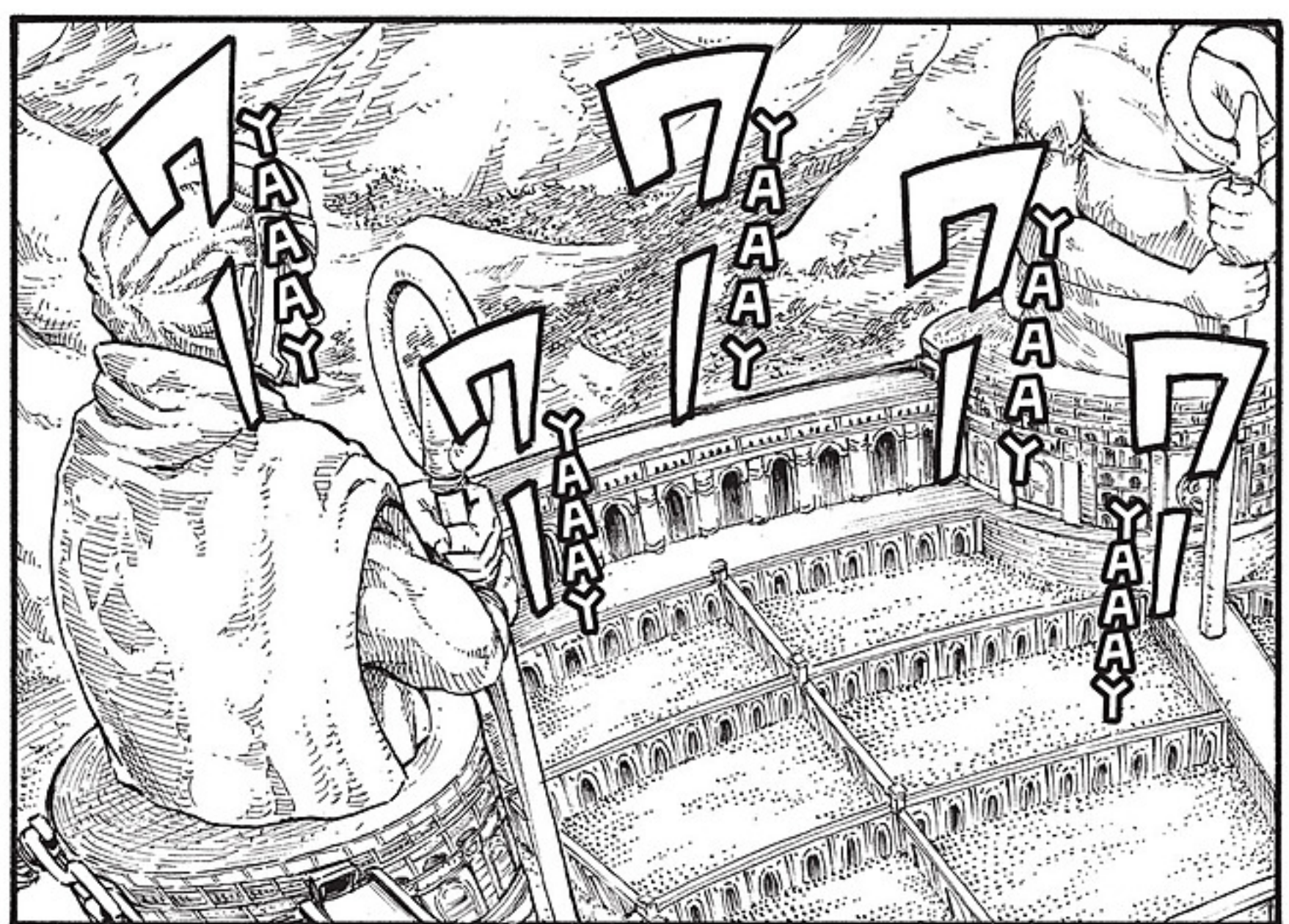
Cheers
for
Princess
Hisui!

Even when
His Majesty
is gone,
you protect
the palace
splendidly!!



THE FIERCE
BATTLES IN THIS
GRAND MAGIC
GAME ARE ENOUGH
TO STOP THE
BREATH IN YOUR
THROAT!!

AND WE CAN
PROMISE
EVEN HOTTER
BATTLES
FROM HERE
ON OUT!!

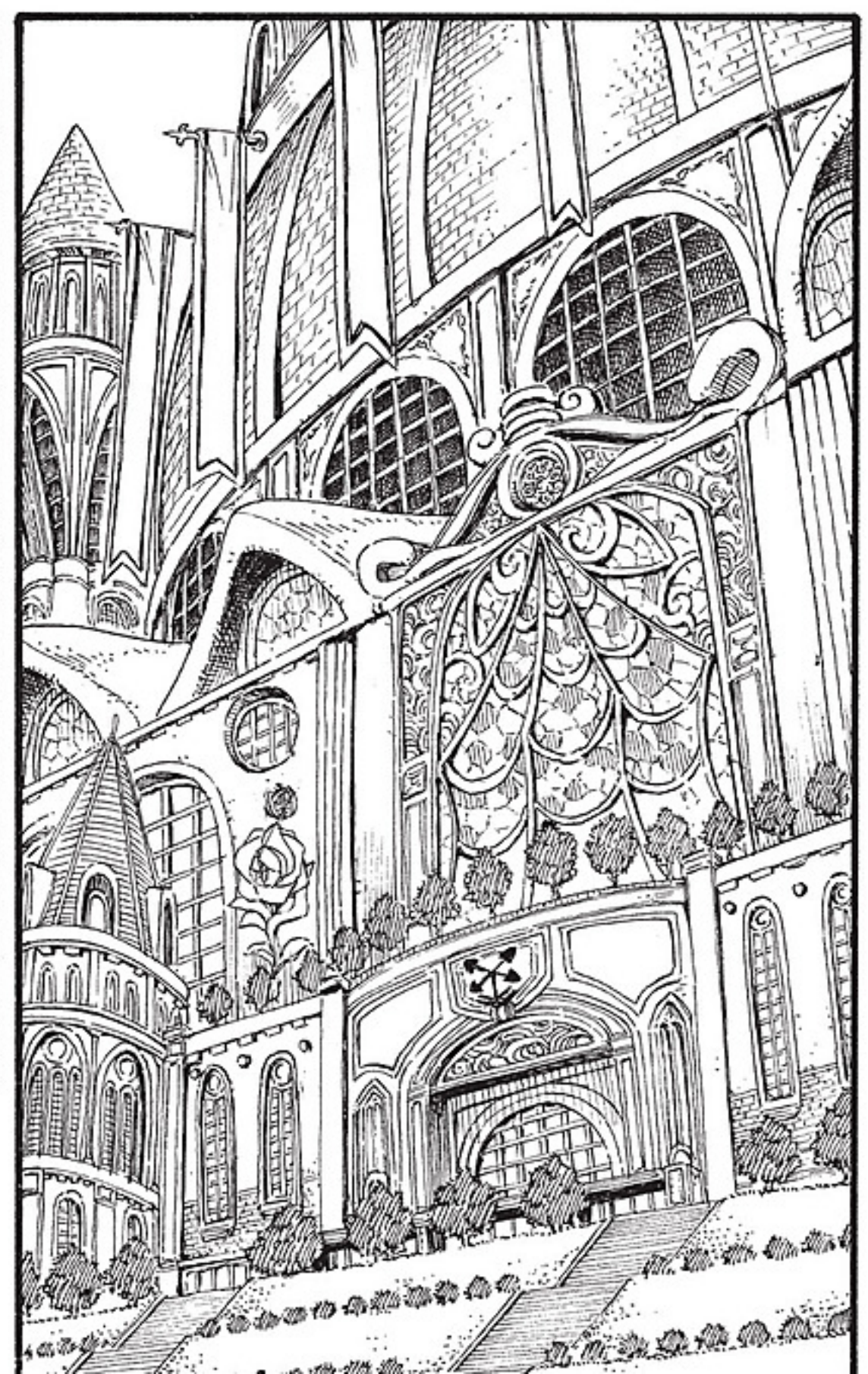


Well,
well...



Our first
master
was right.

I was told
that I could
meet you if I
came here.





Perhaps
you can
remind
me.

...had
nearly
forgetten
you.

My
memory
...



This is
where
I *end*
you.

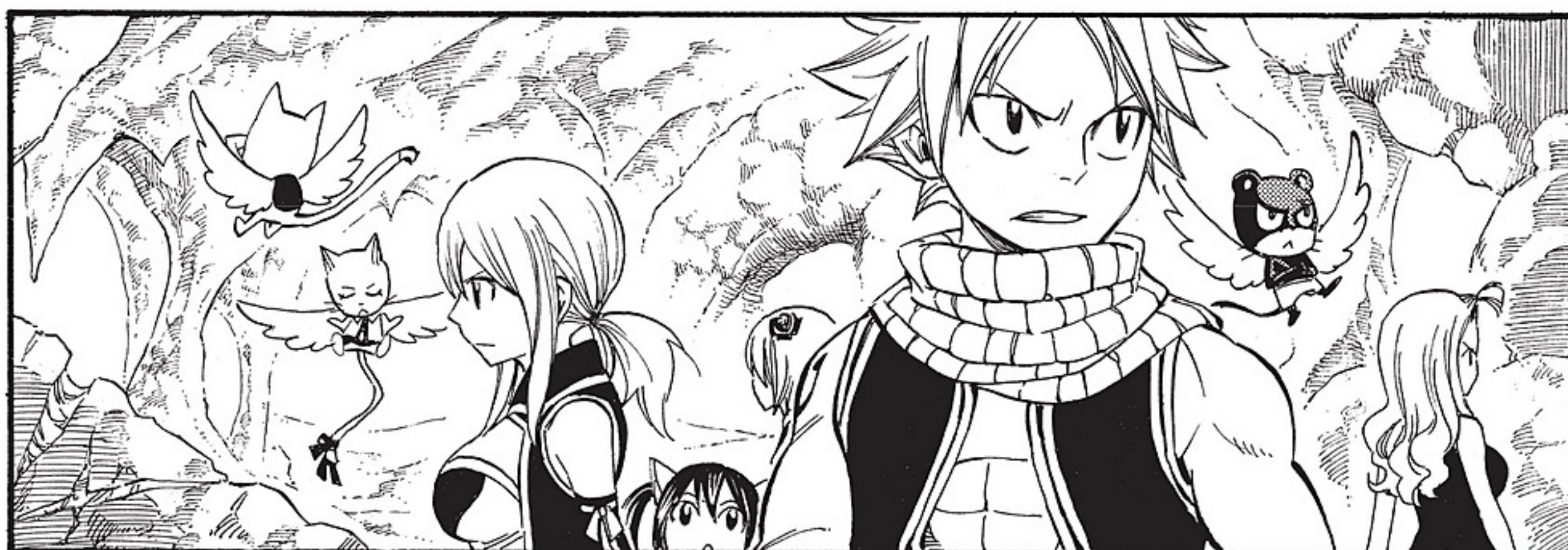
Don't bother
trying to
remember.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

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				Members left	
		Leader		Normal	
1. Fairy Tail	49P	▼ x1		○▼ x4	
1. Saber Tooth	45P	▼ x1		○▼ x4	
1. Lamia Scale	49P	▼ x1		○▼ x2	
4. Mermaid Heel	43P	▼ x1		○▼ 1	



Chapter 306: Gray vs. Rufus



IN THE LIBRARY,
WE HAVE GRAY OF
FAIRY TAIL...

...AND RUFUS
OF SABER
TOOTH IN A
CONFRONTA-
TION!!!

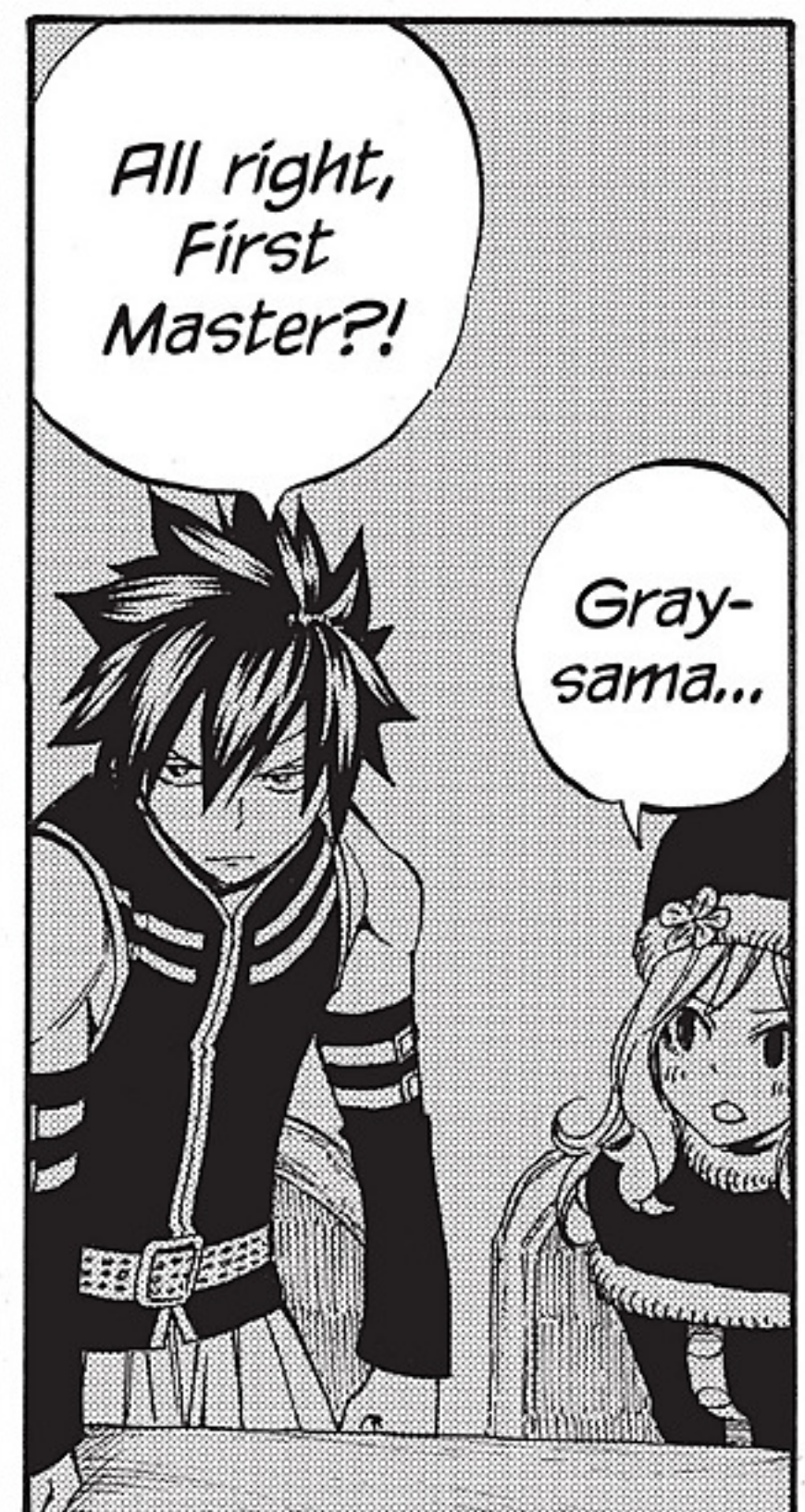
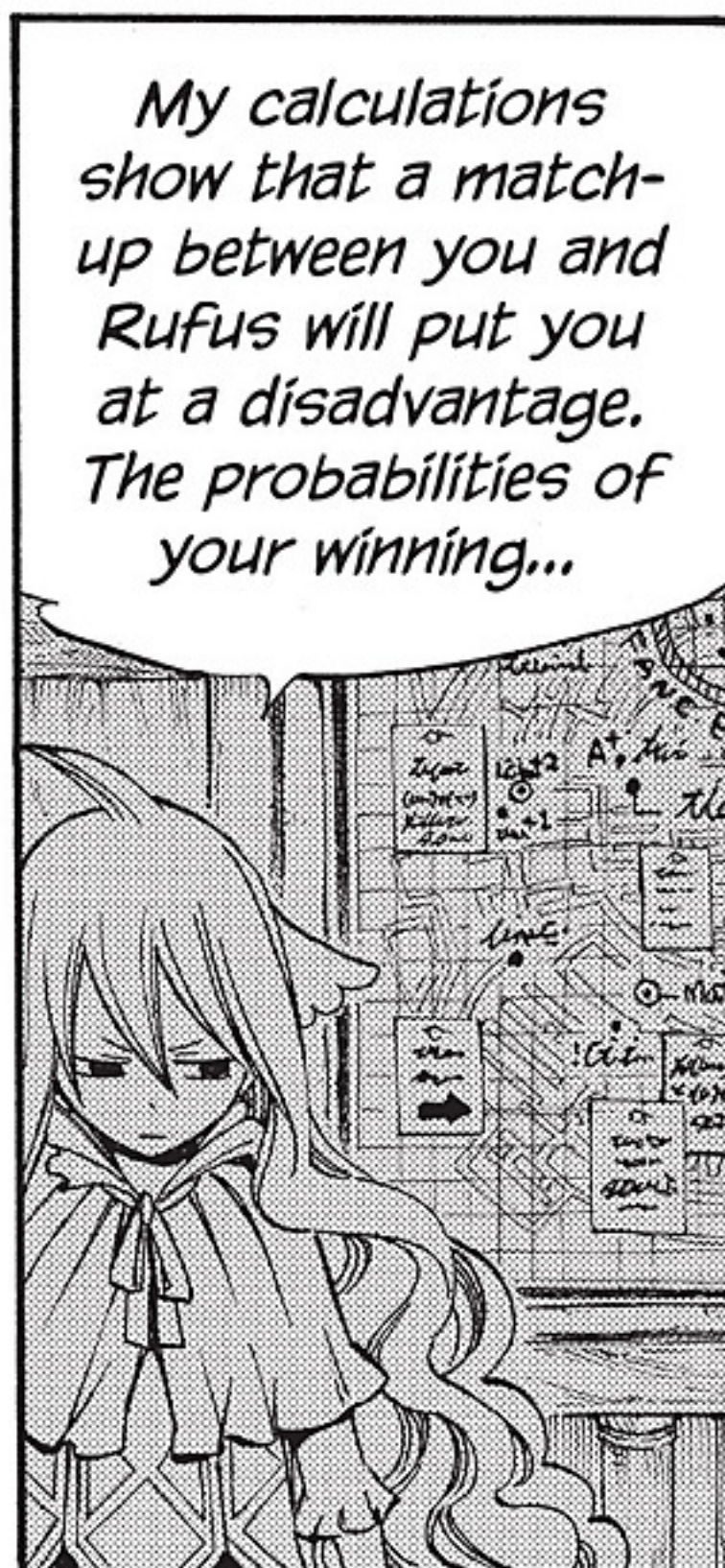
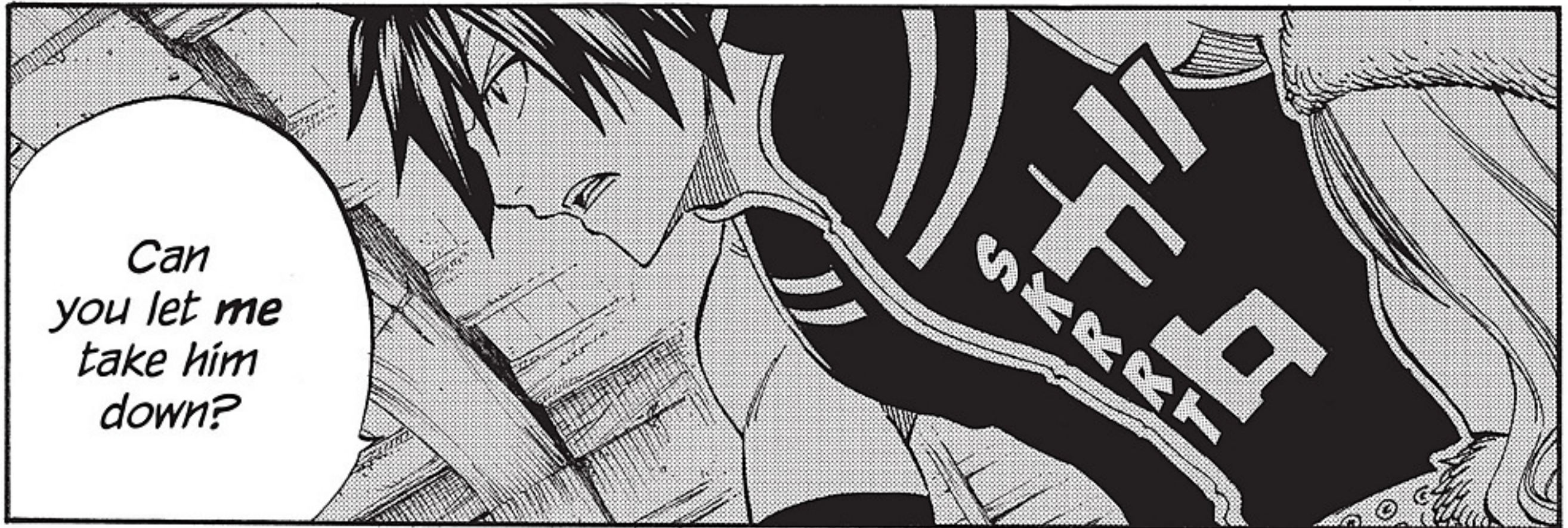


The man
called Rufus
is the key to
Saber Tooth.

But he
must
win.

What
?!!

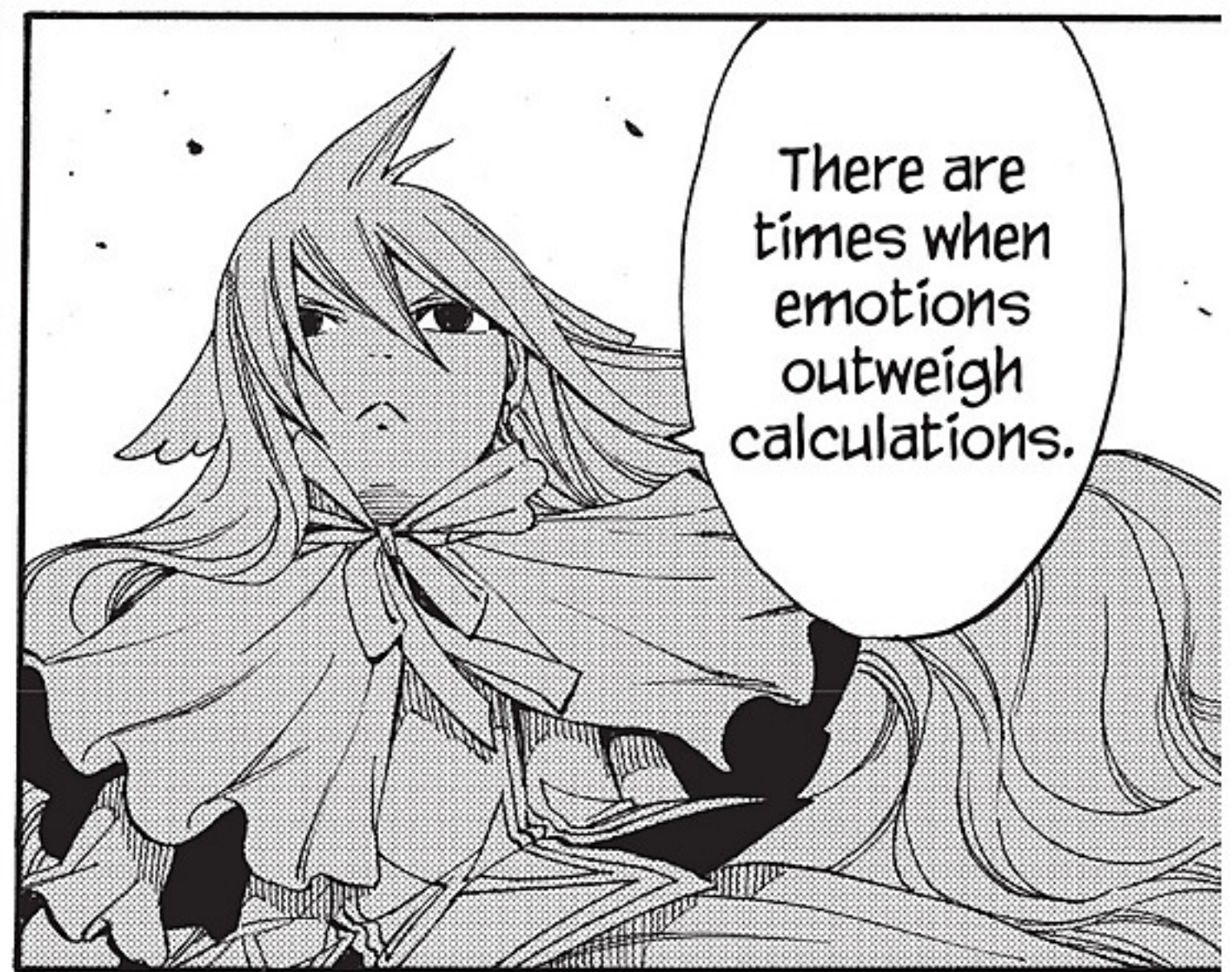
I do
not
know.





*I'm asking
as a Fairy
Tail wizard!
Please let
me do this!*

*I want to help
save Lucy, and
I've got a score
to settle with
him!*

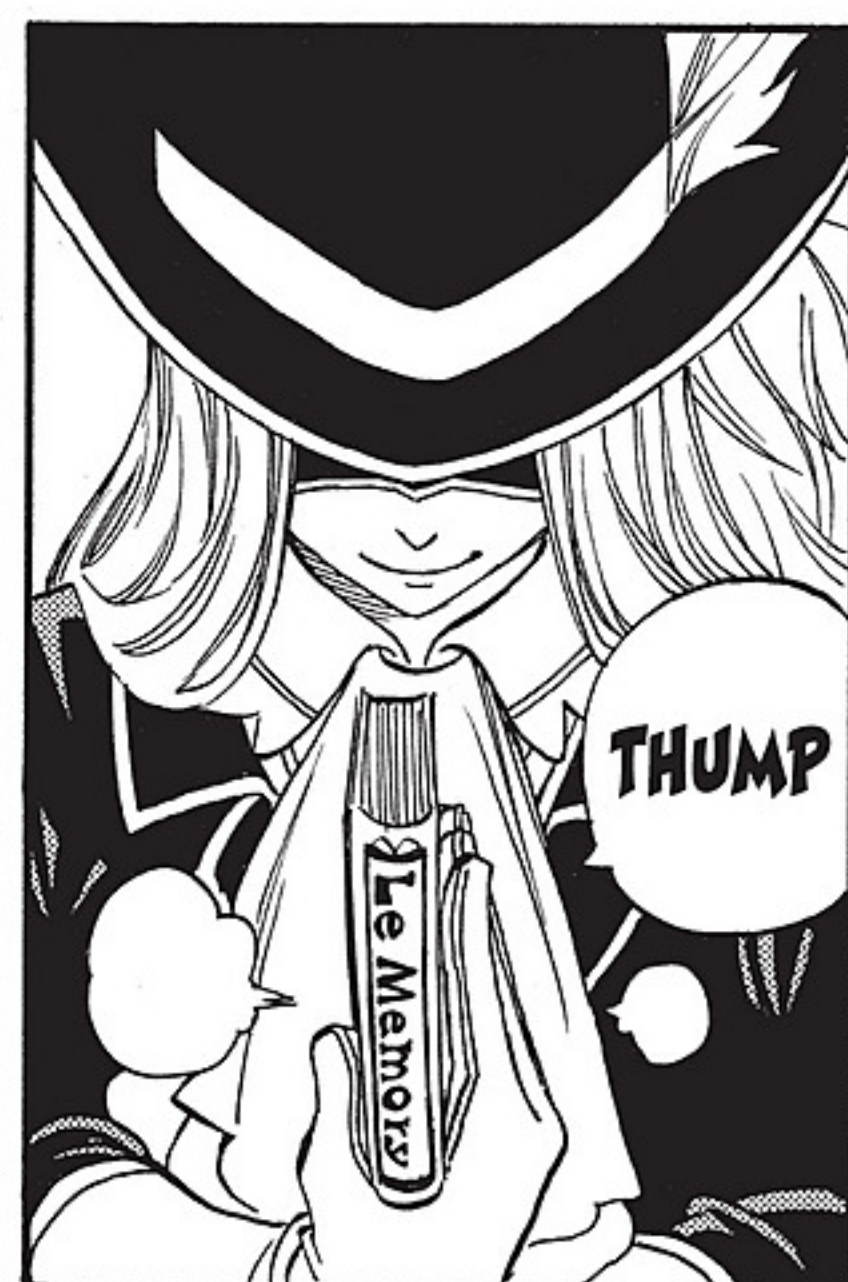


There are
times when
emotions
outweigh
calculations.



So
show
me...







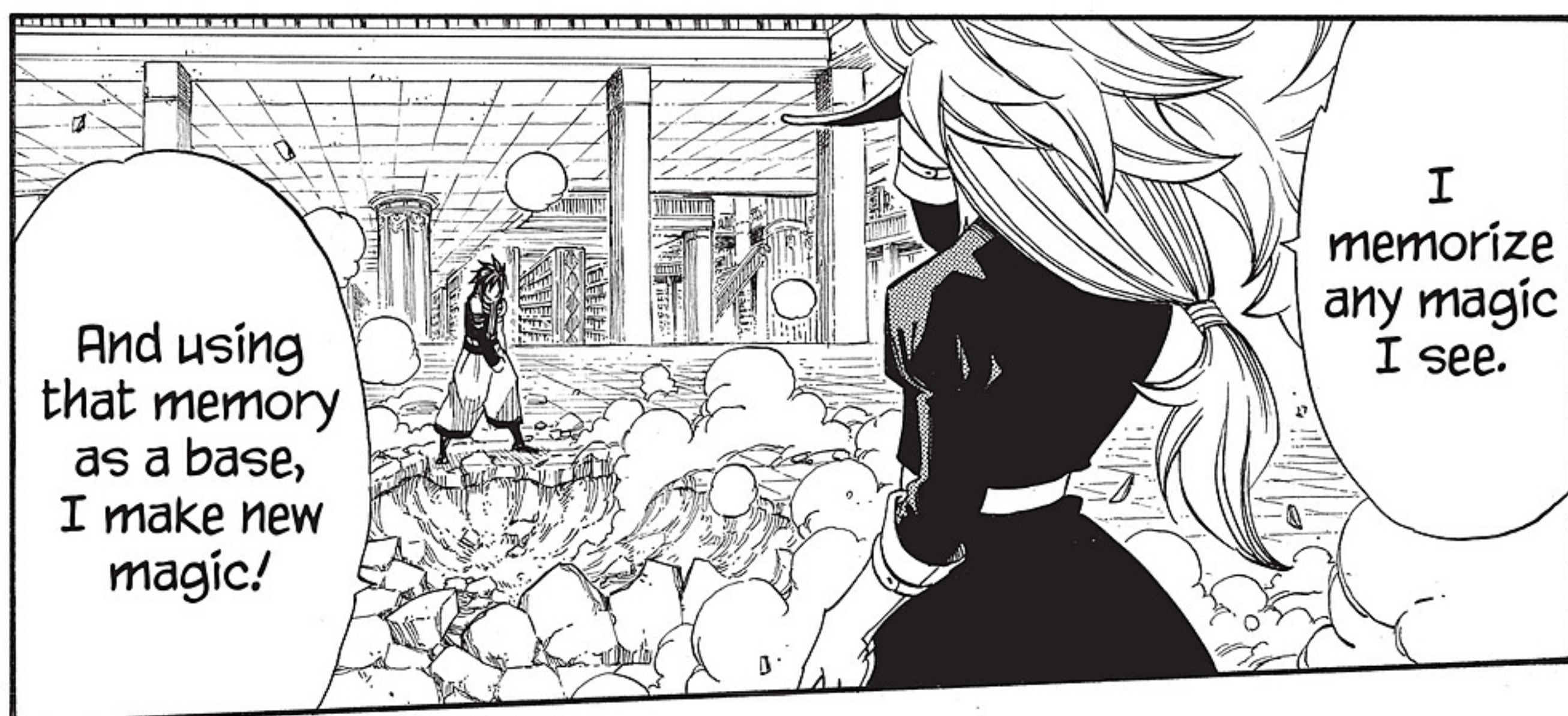
Memory becomes a weapon.



What are you mumbling about?



Memorized!



And using that memory as a base, I make new magic!

I memorize any magic I see.



Memory Make.

I remember it all.

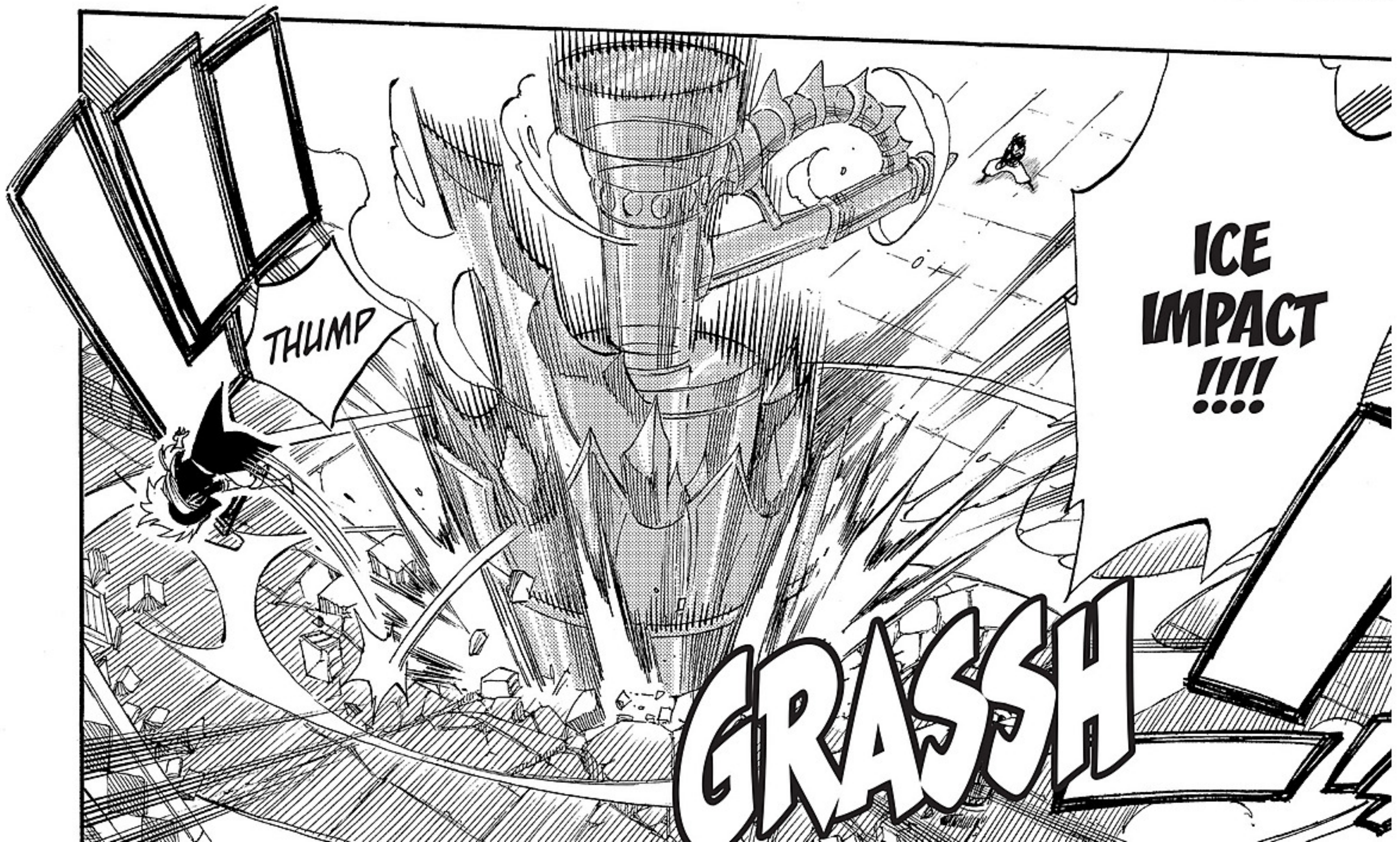
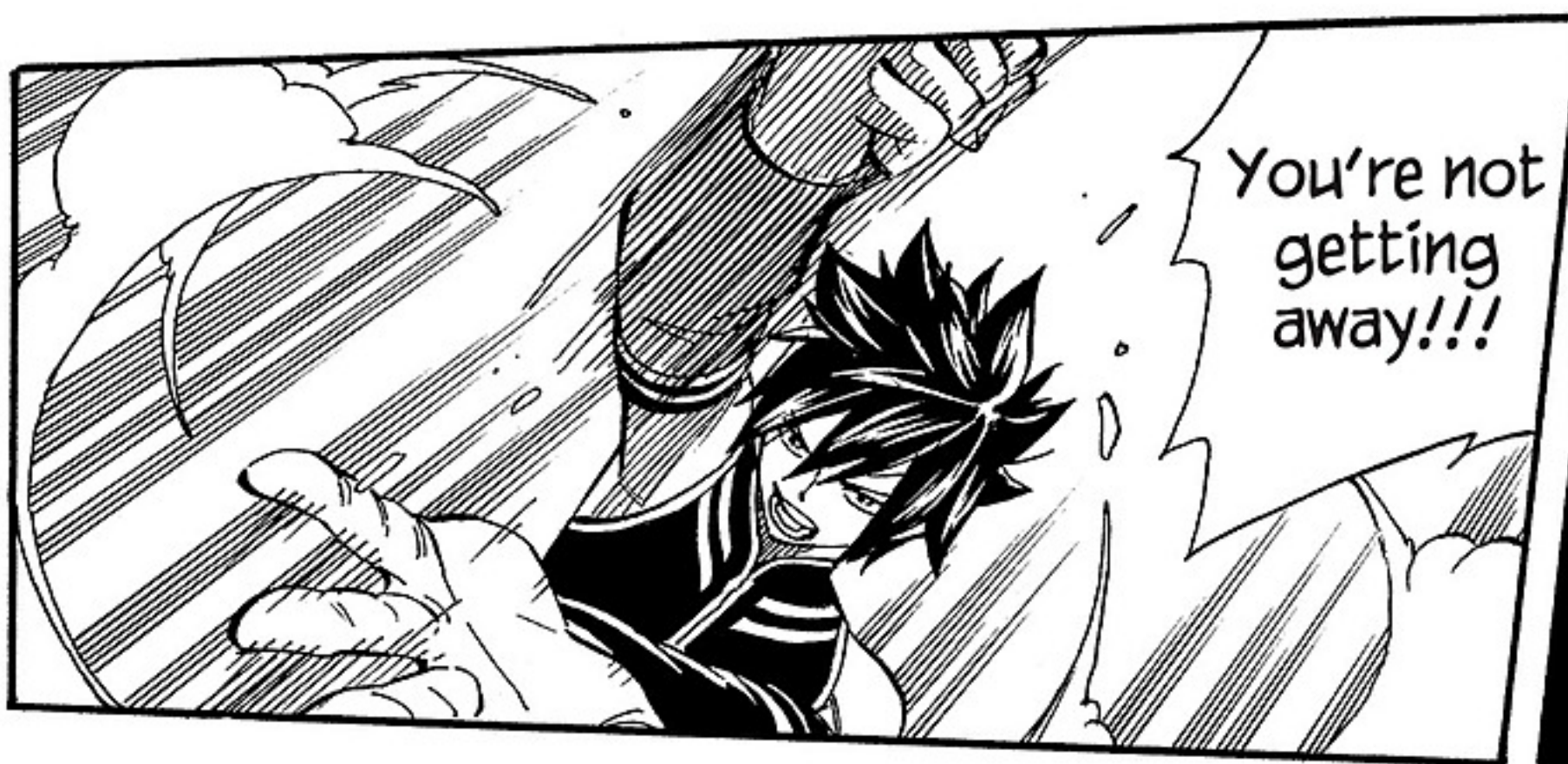
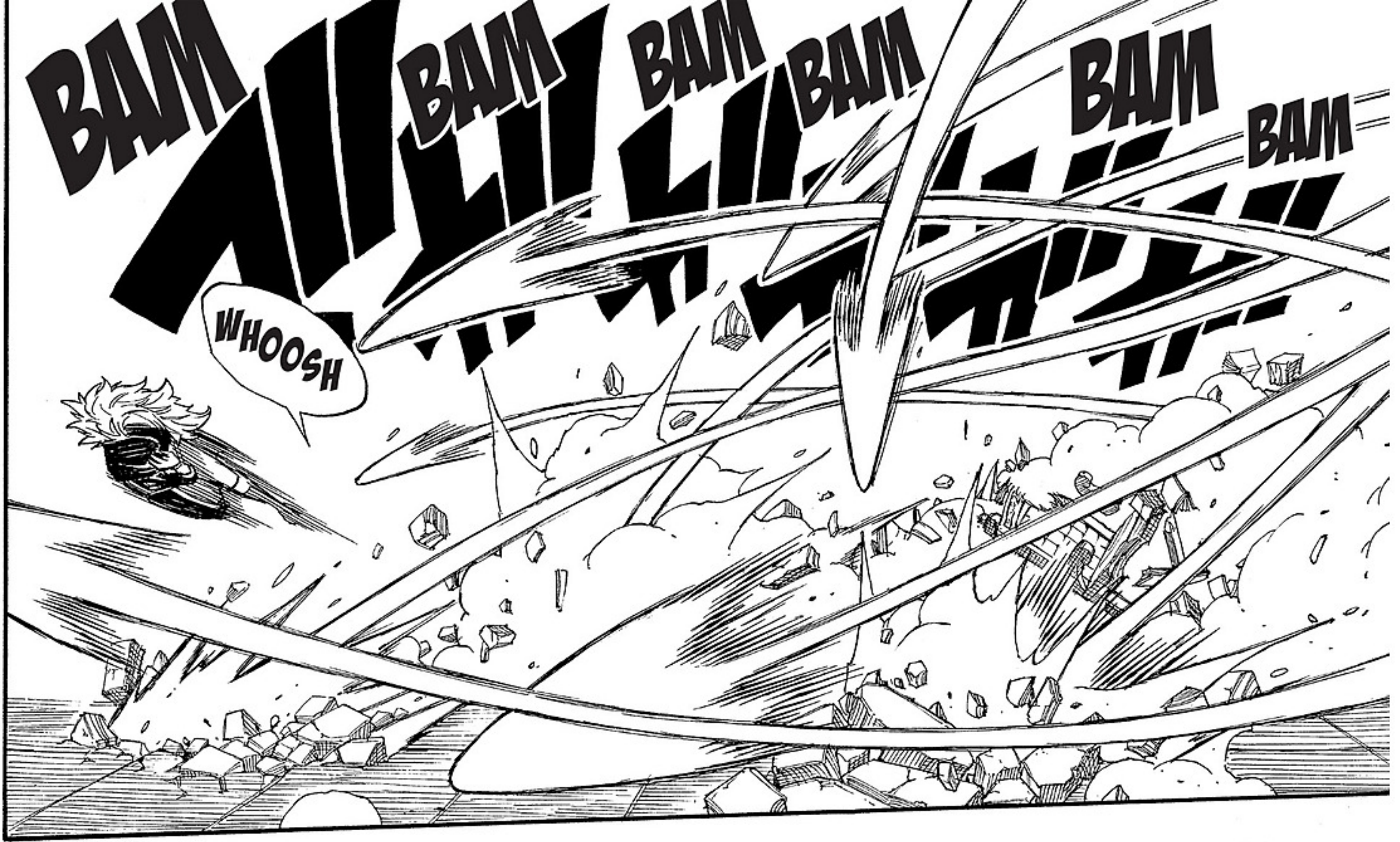


Memories of Olga's Thunder Magic.

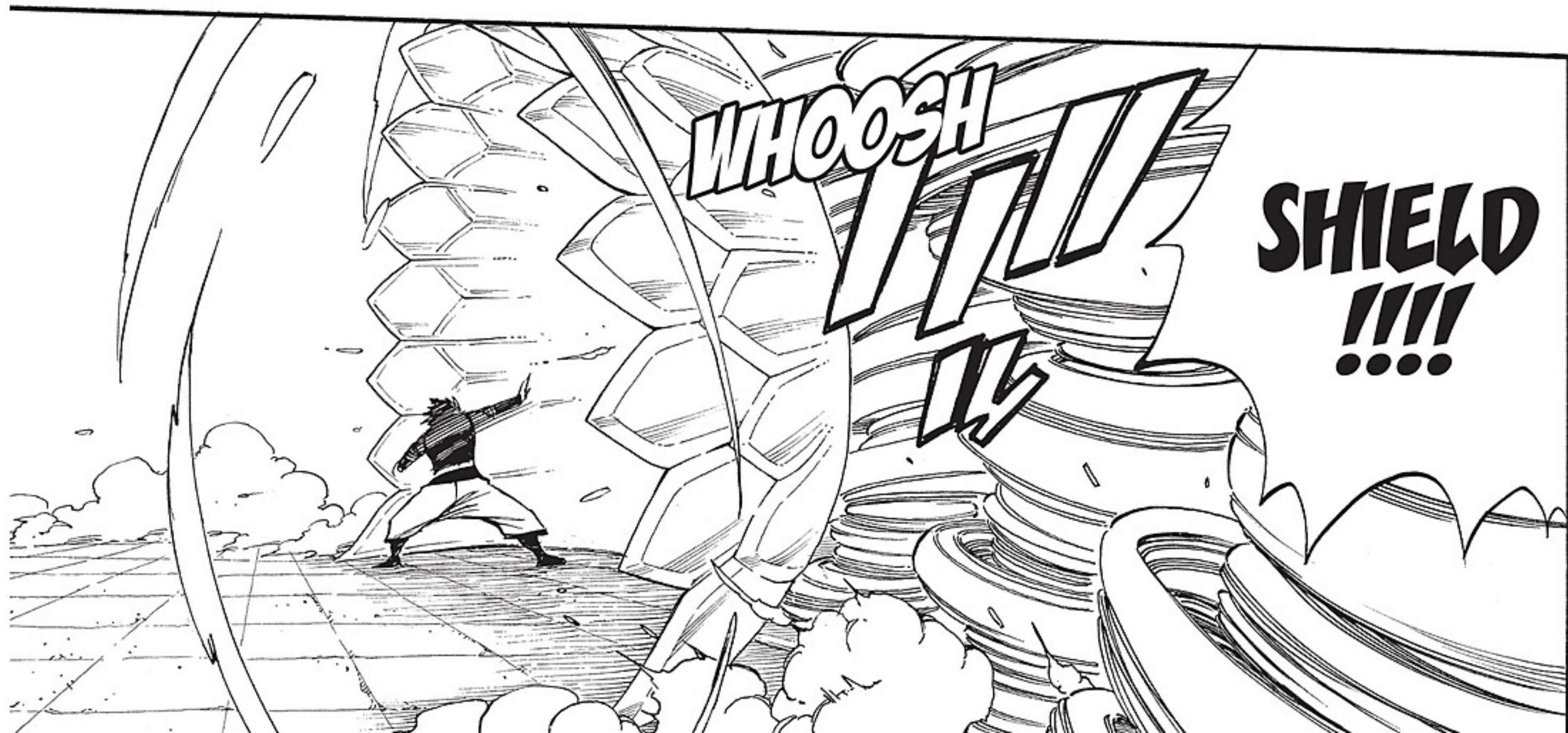
Memories of your Ice Magic.



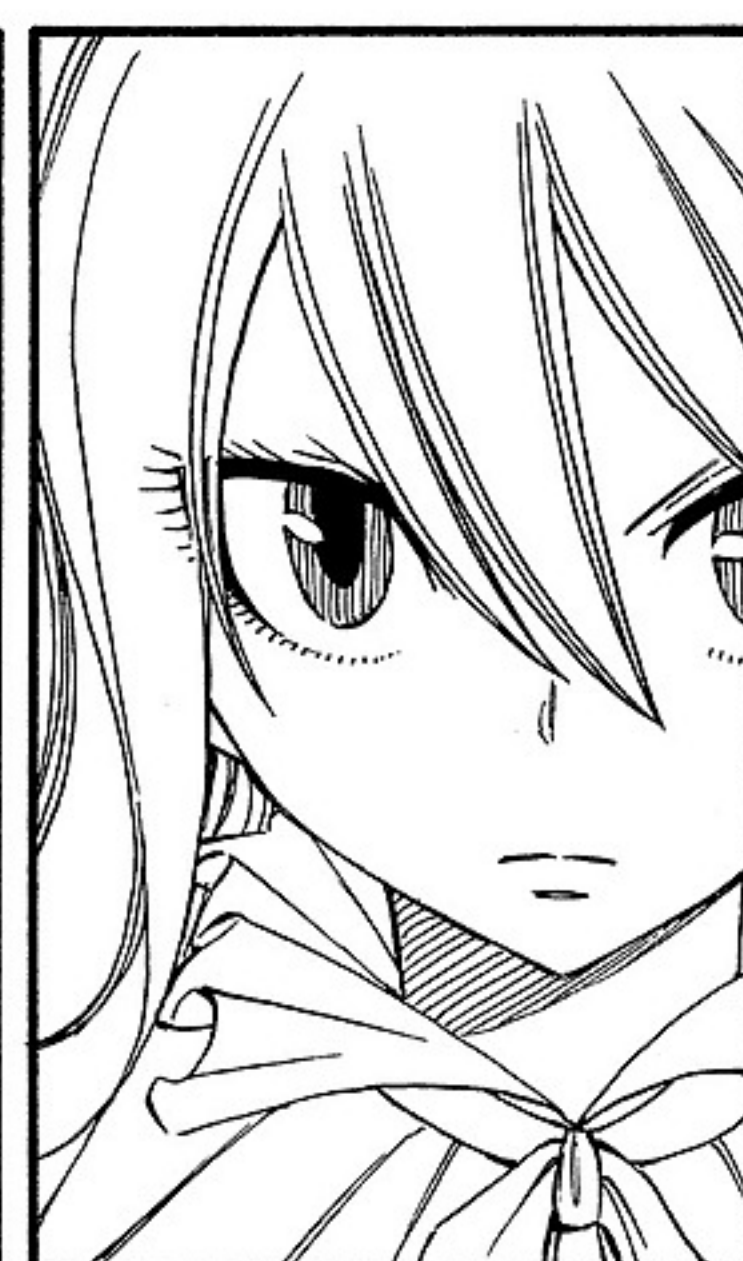
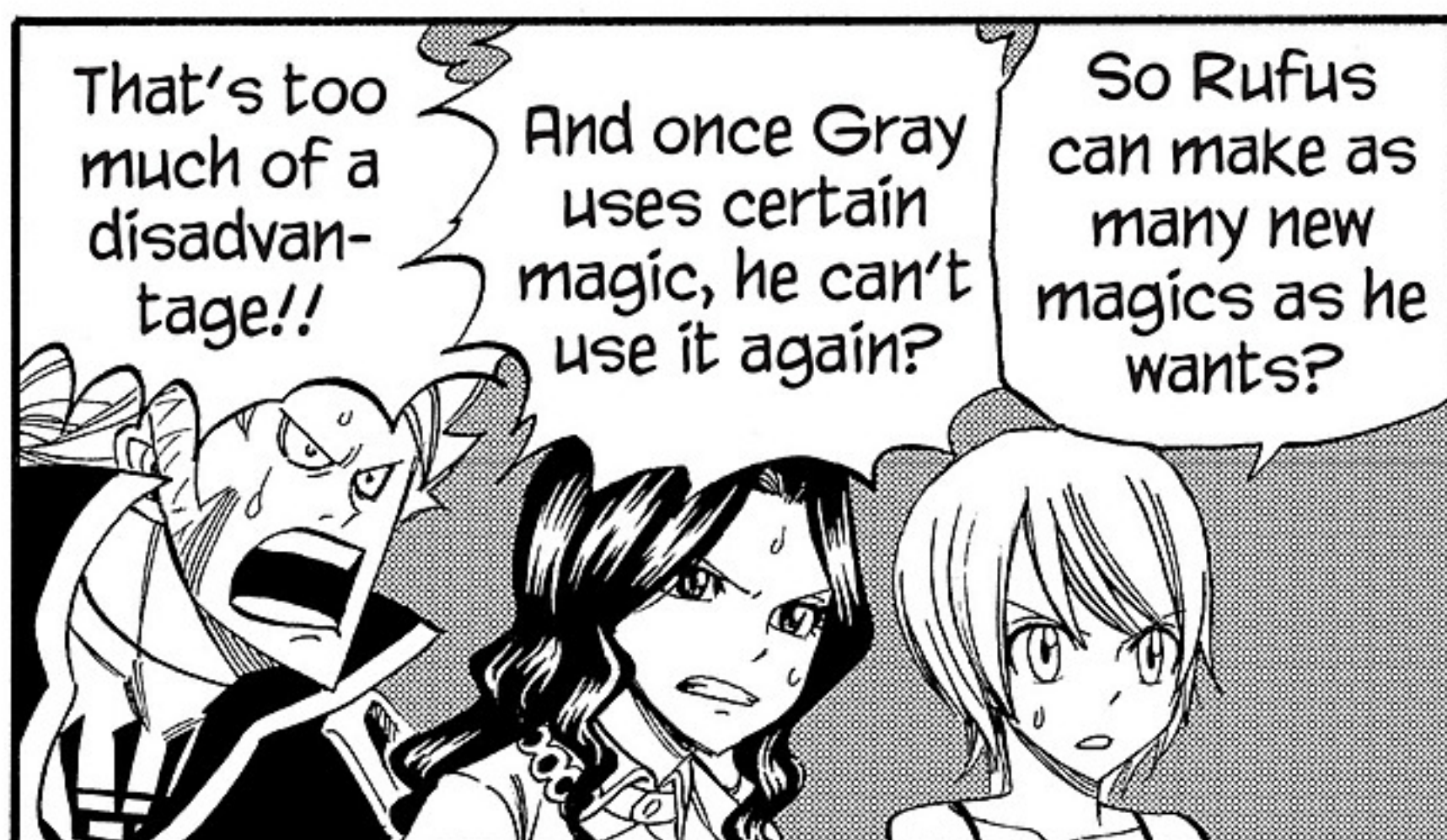
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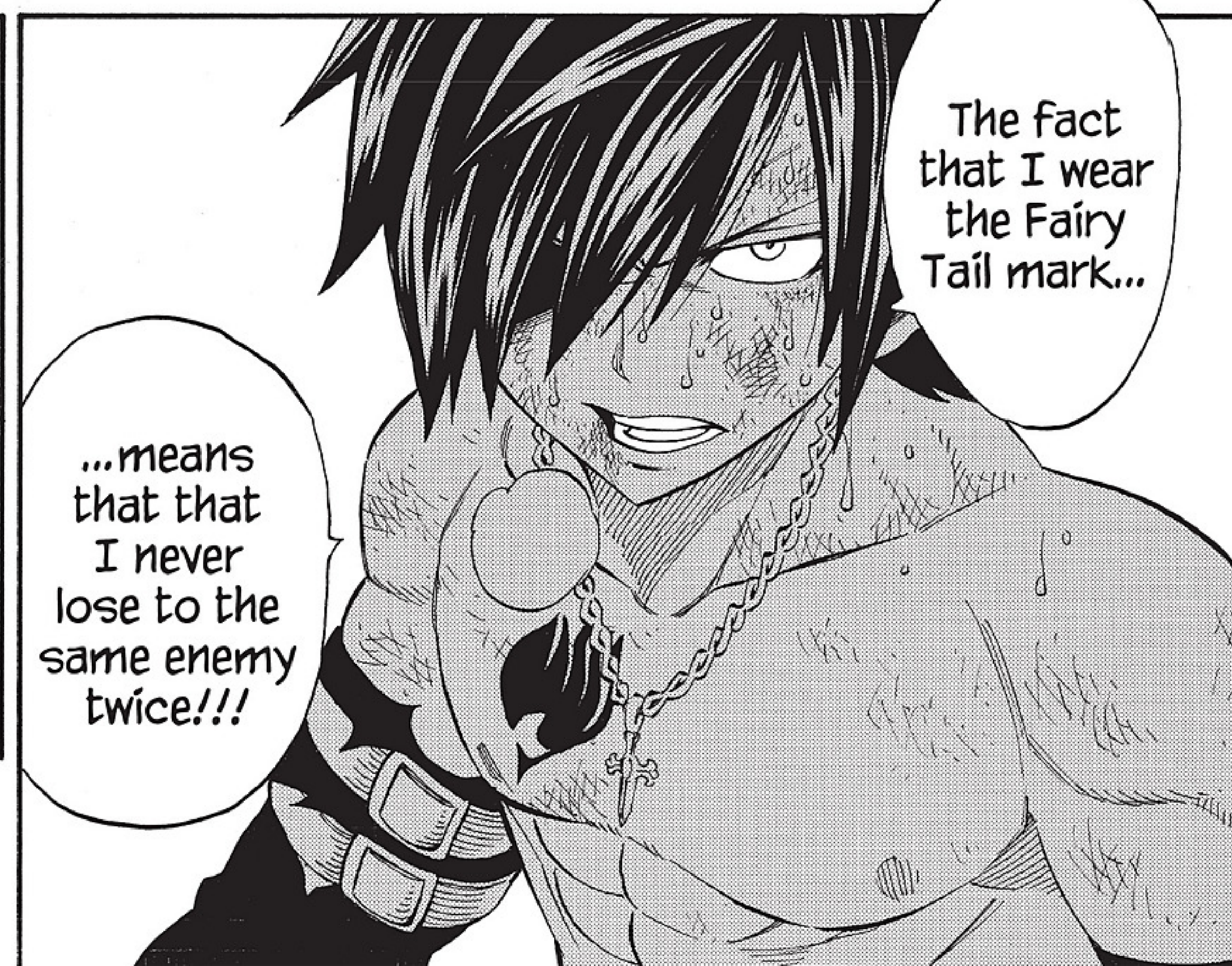
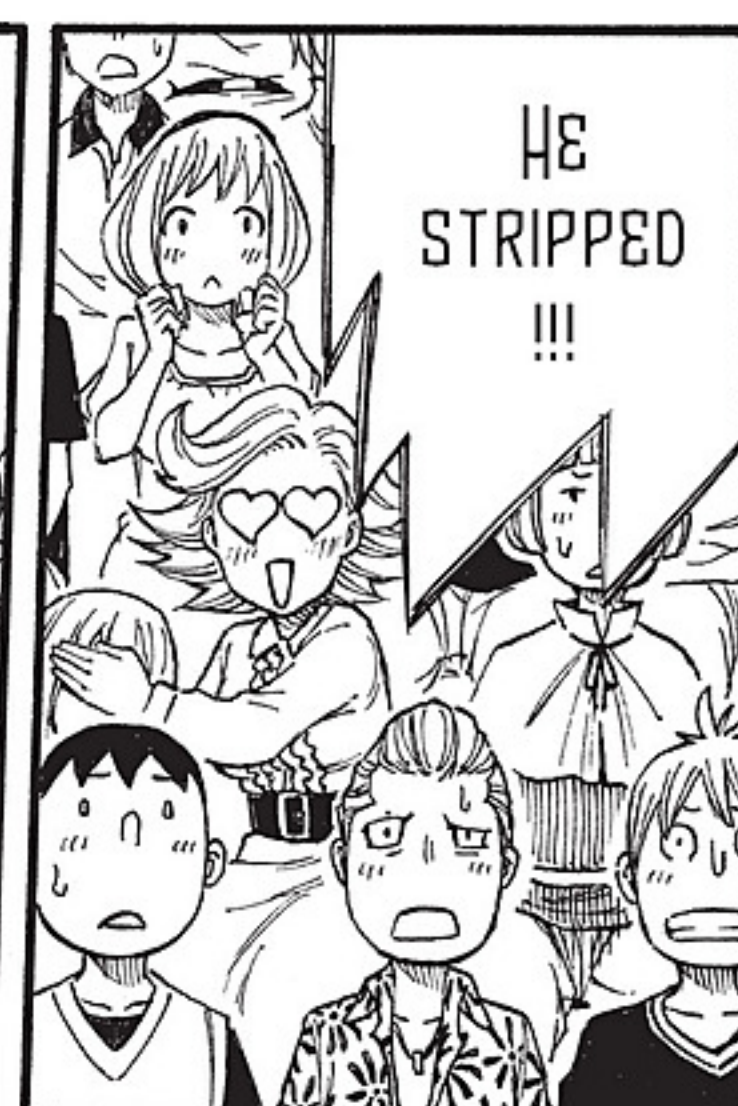


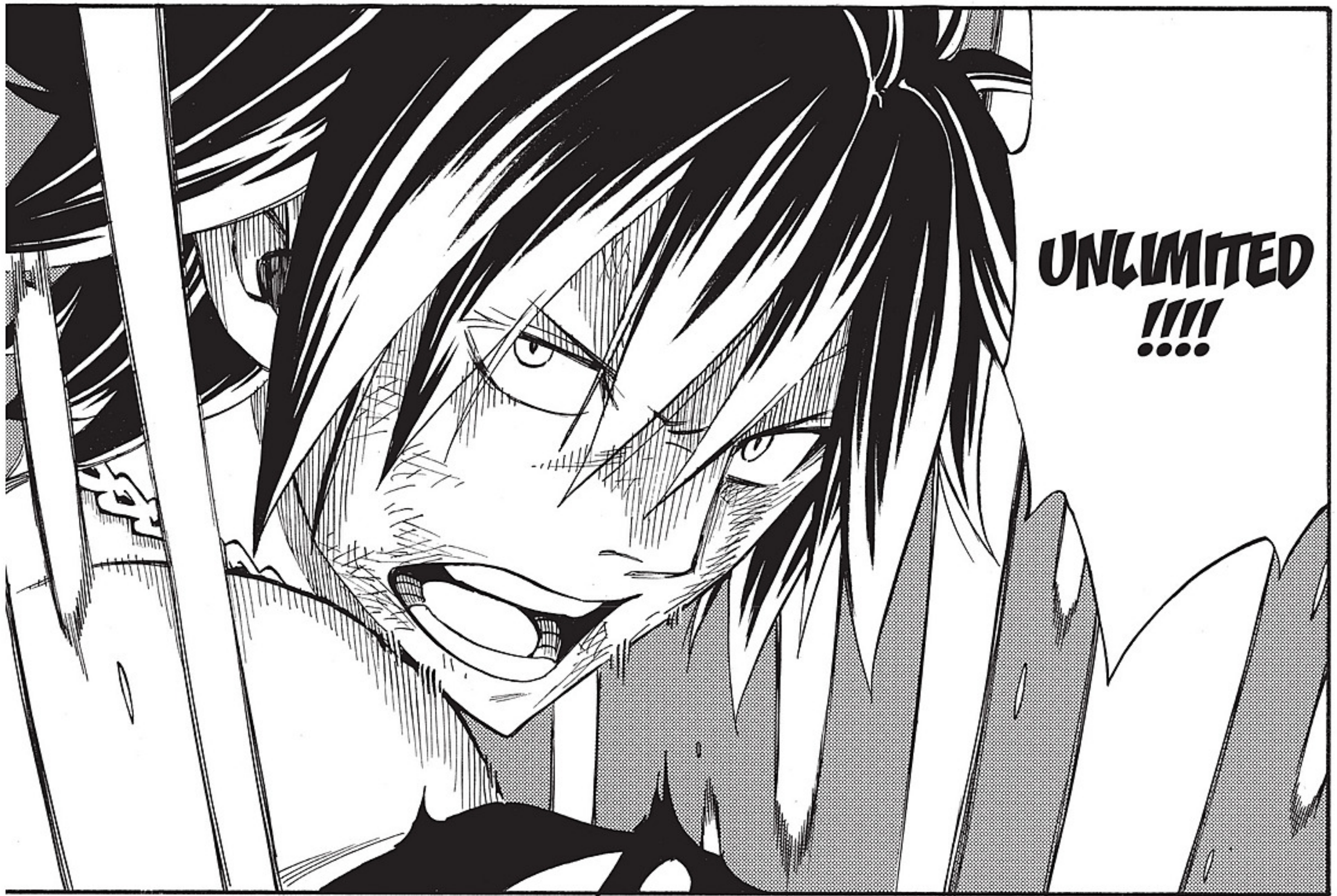


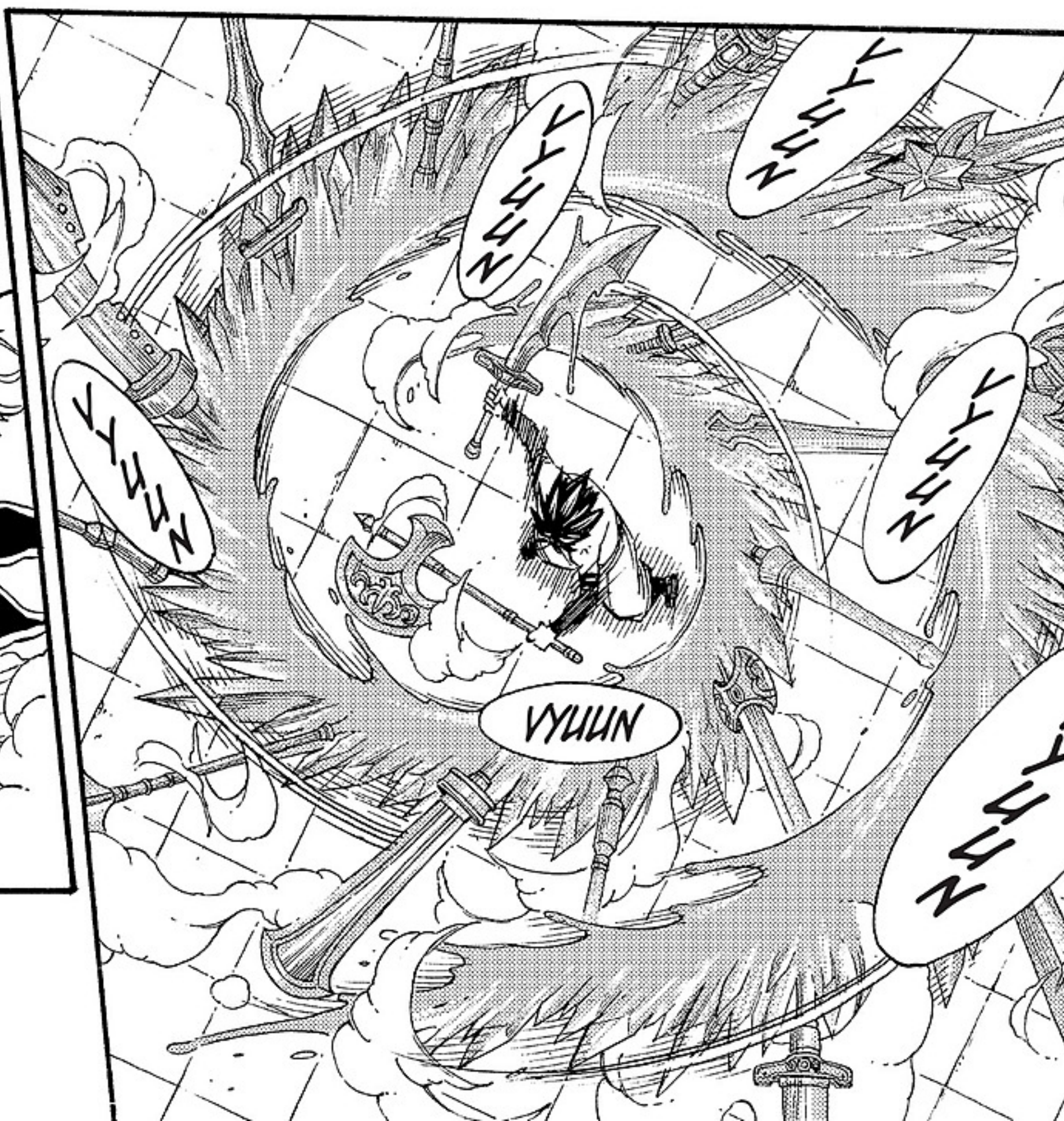
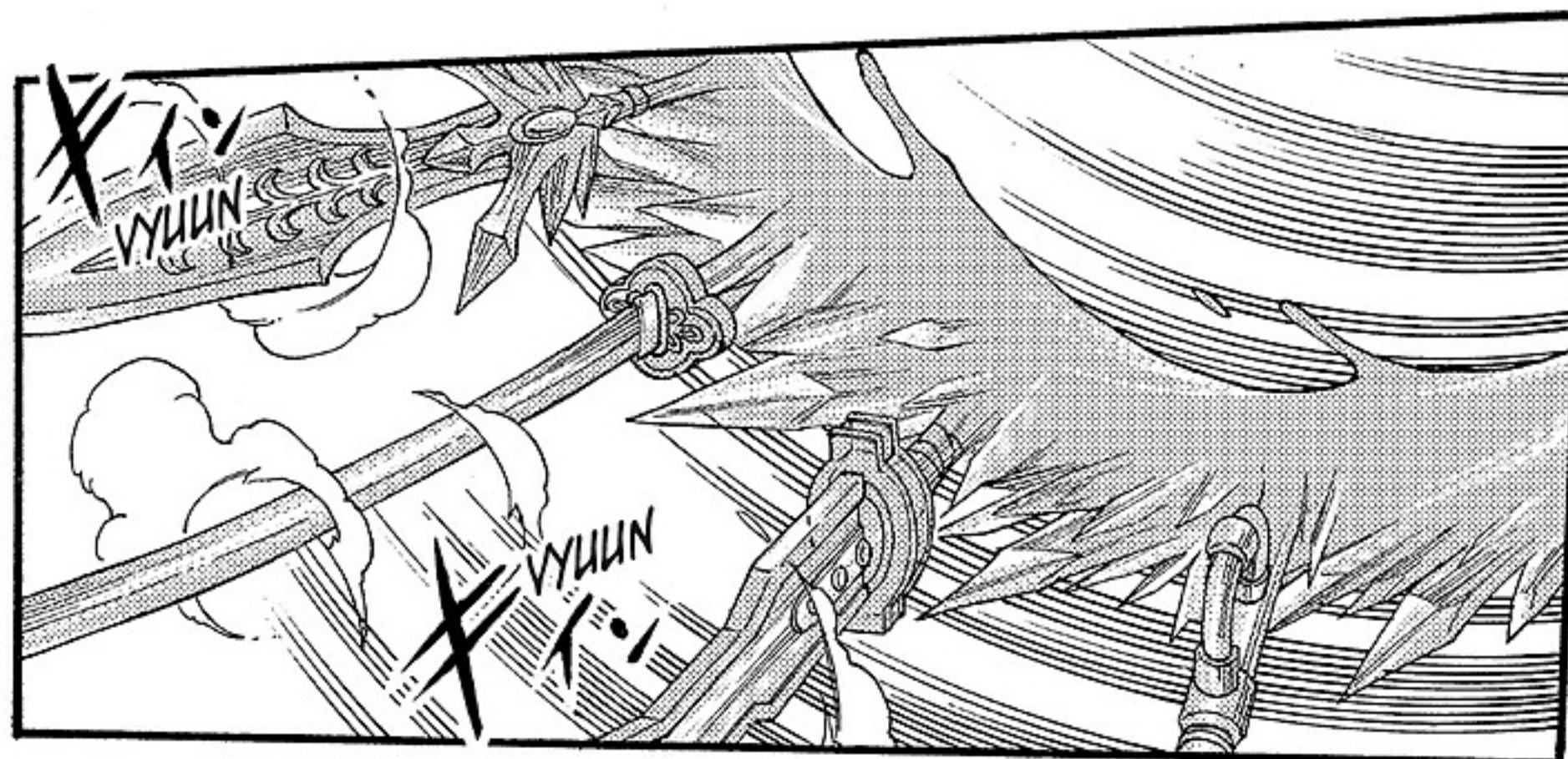












ZUWHAM

**DANCE
OF THE
FRENZIED
MASSES
!!!!**

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

**G
A
A
A
A
H
H!!**







I have
memorized
fire magic
that can
defeat
ice!



But
!!!

It's
unfortunate
for you that
you're only
using ice
magic.



**BURNING
EARTH
KARMA
!!!!**



I remember
hotter fire
than that
!!!!

Fire
magic
?!!

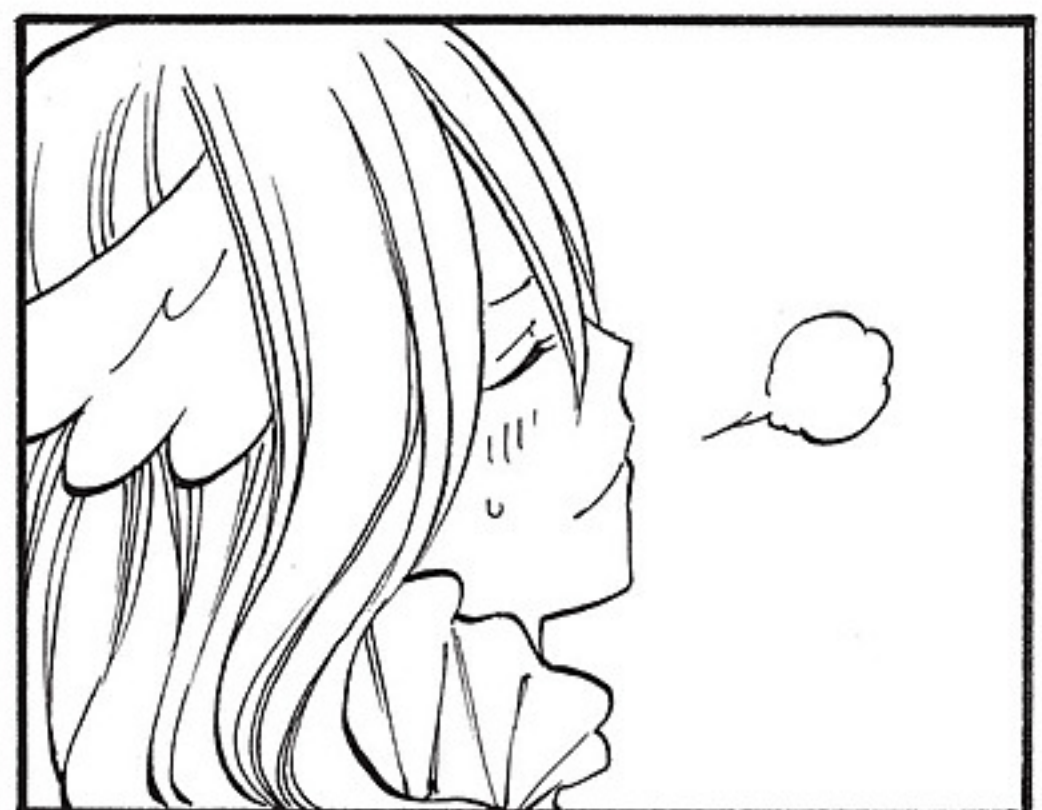
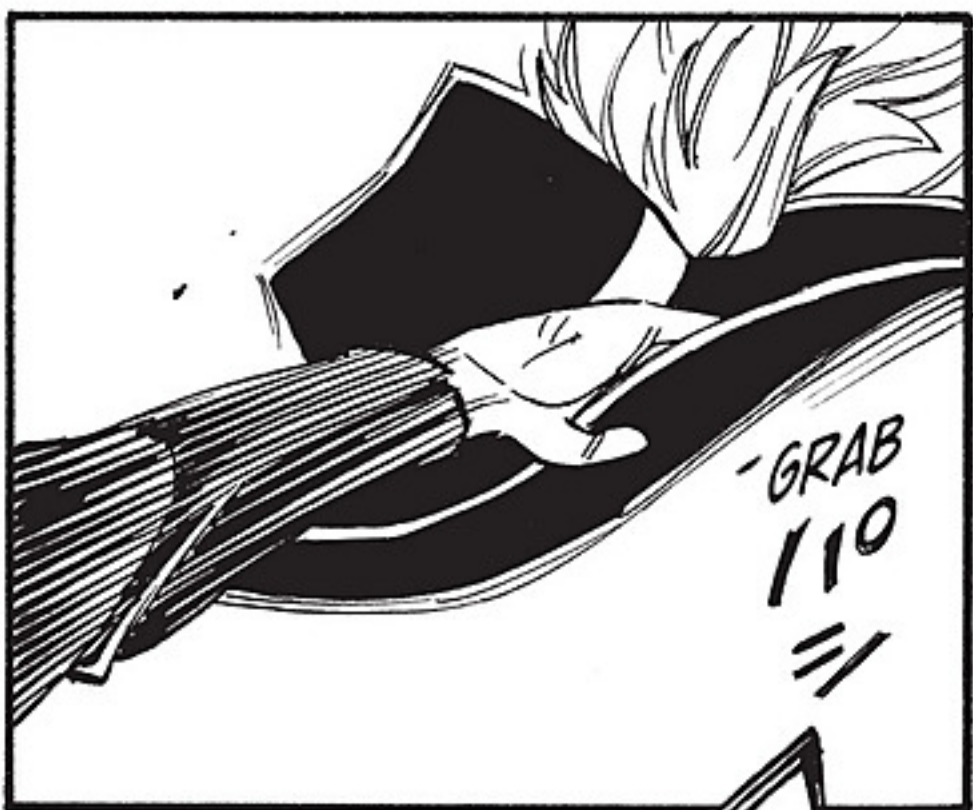
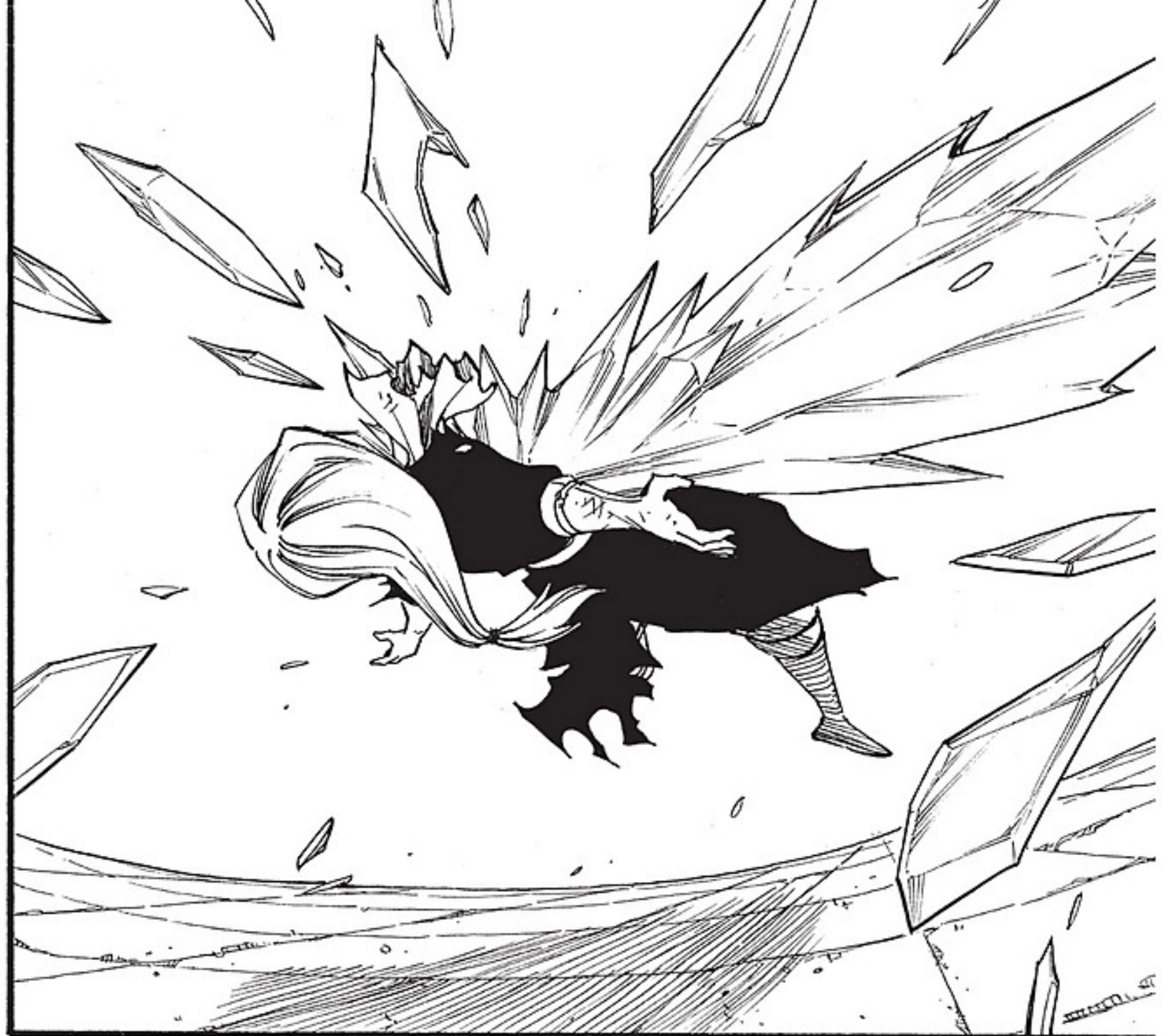
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FLASH

**ICE
BRINGER
!!!!**

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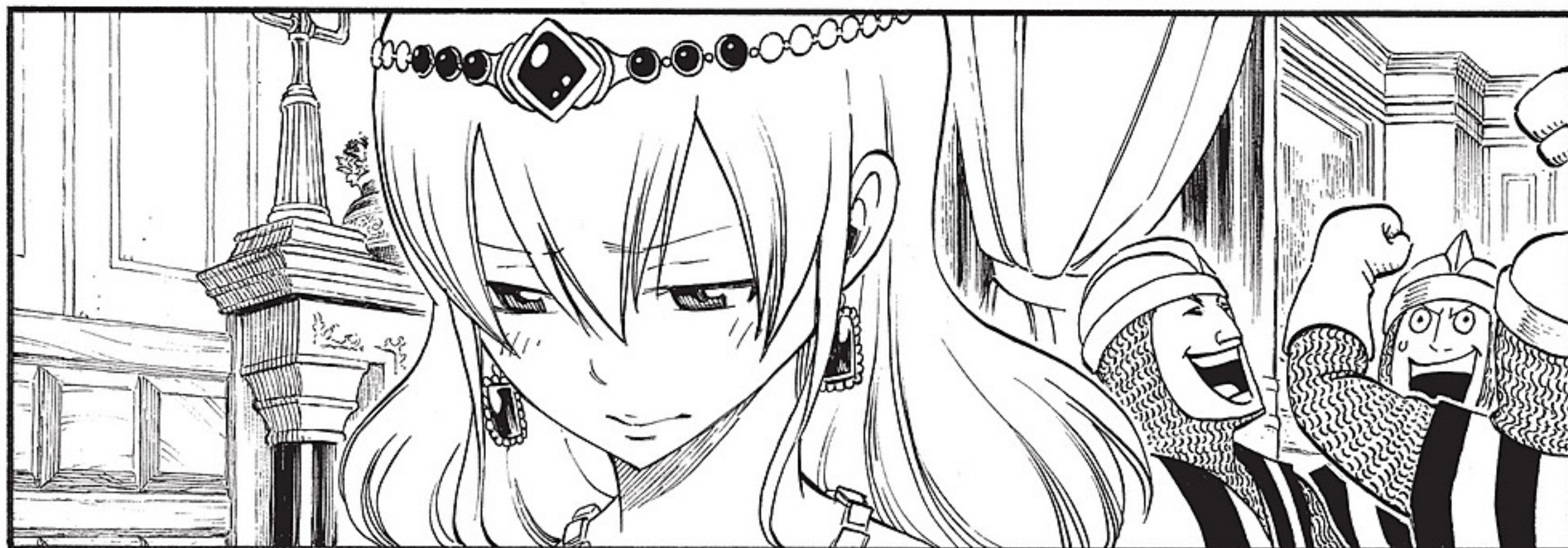


HE TOOK
DOWN
RUFUS!!!!

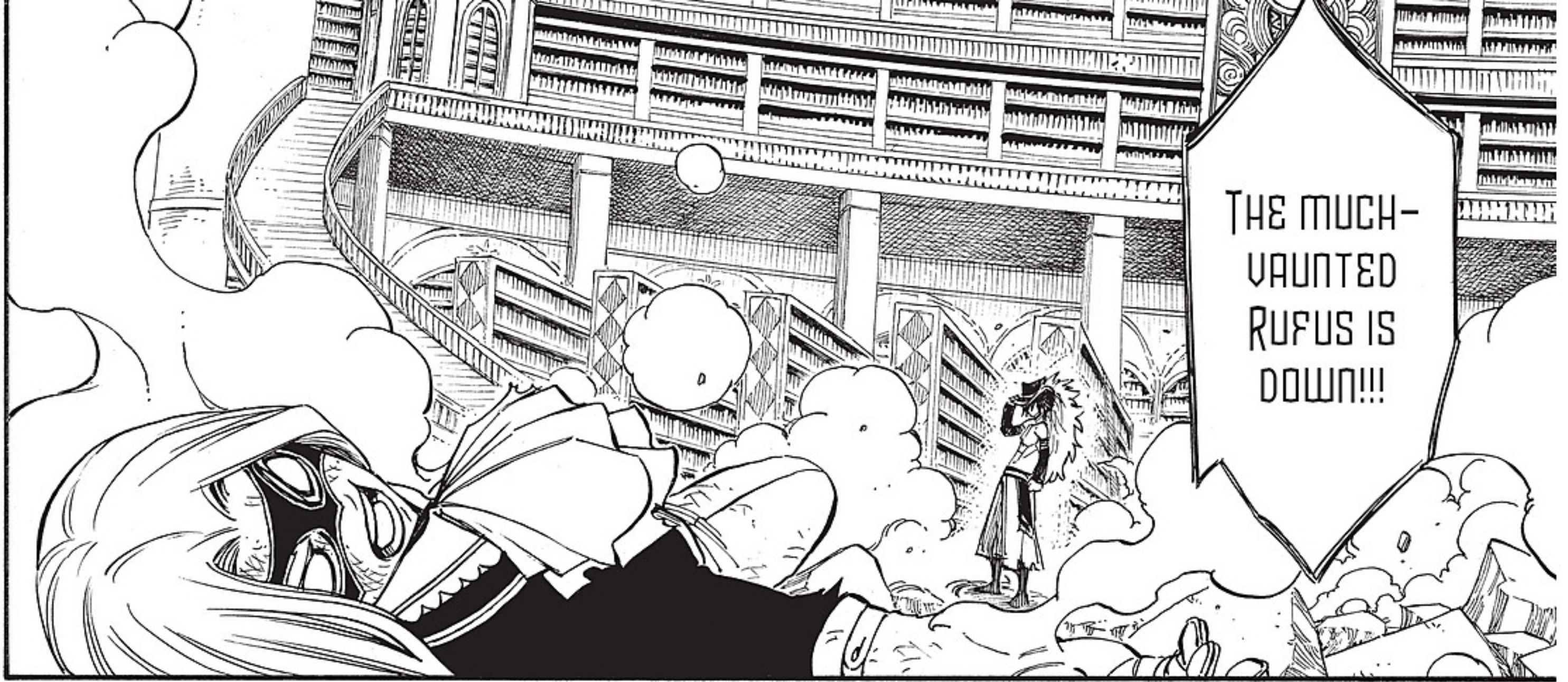
IT'S GRAY!!!!
FAIRY TAIL
WINS!!!!

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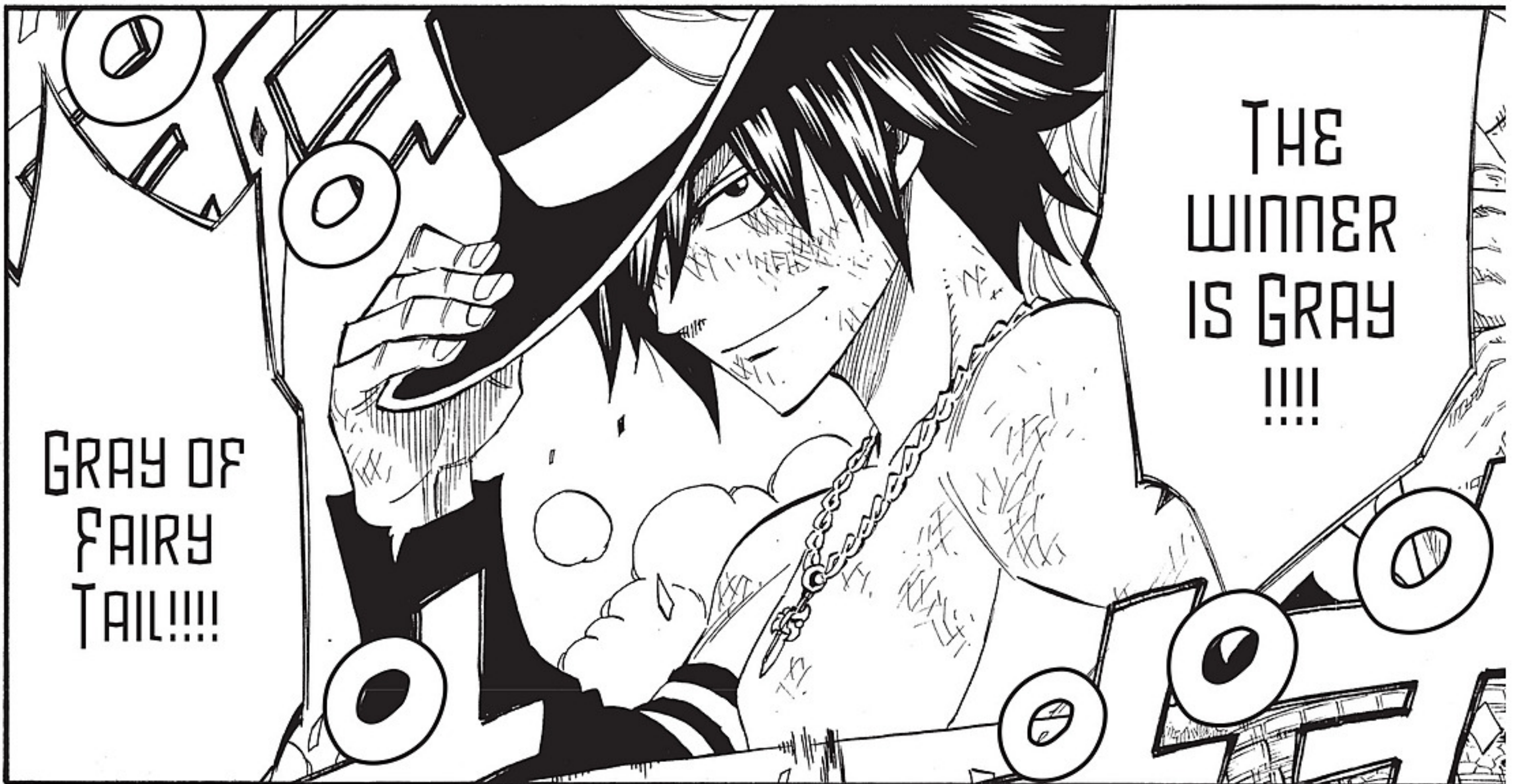
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Chapter 307: Hungry Wolf Knights



THE MUCH-
VAUNTED
RUFUS IS
DOWN!!!

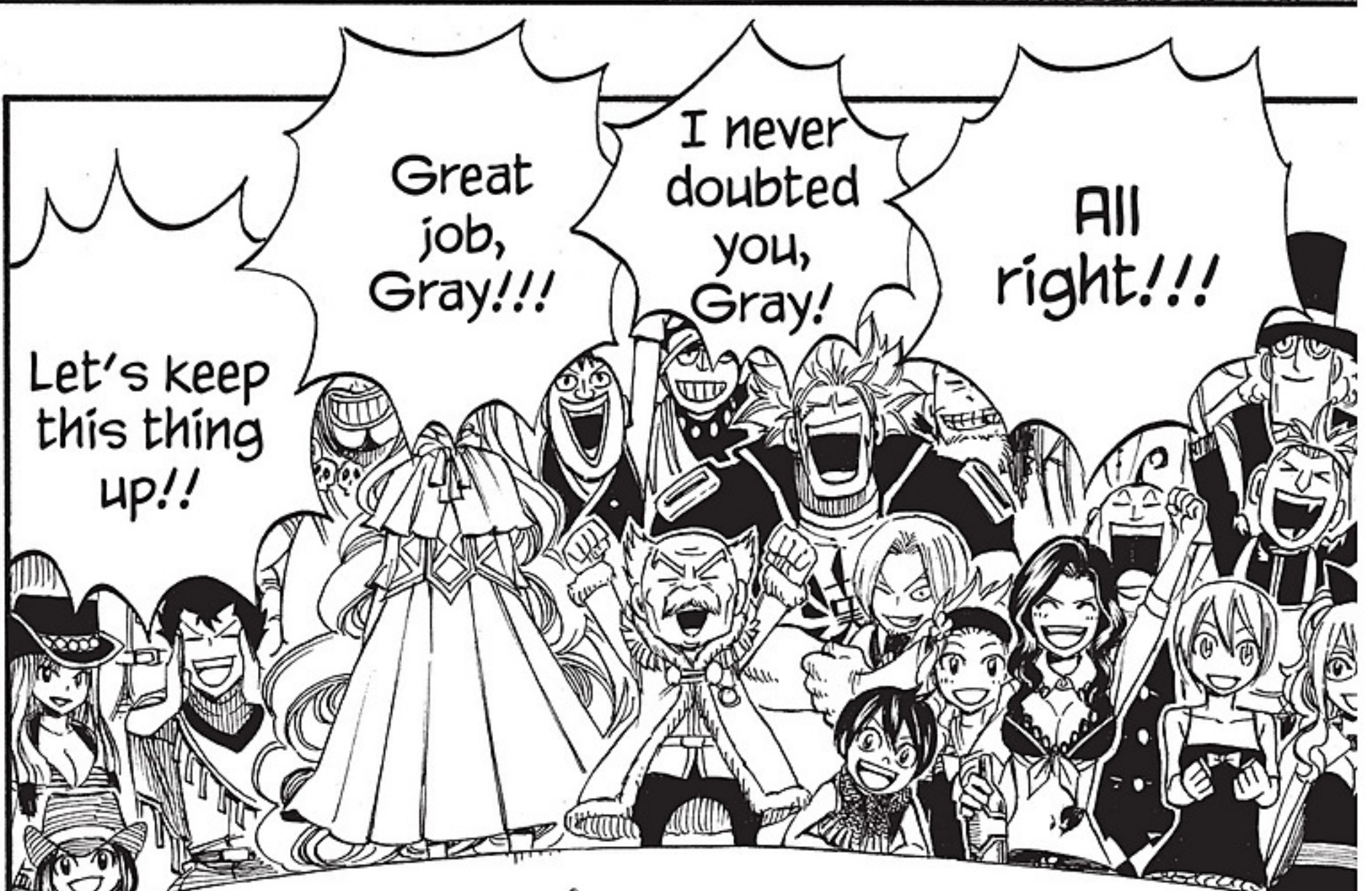


GRAY OF
FAIRY
TAIL!!!!

THE
WINNER
IS GRAY
!!!!



Excellent
done.



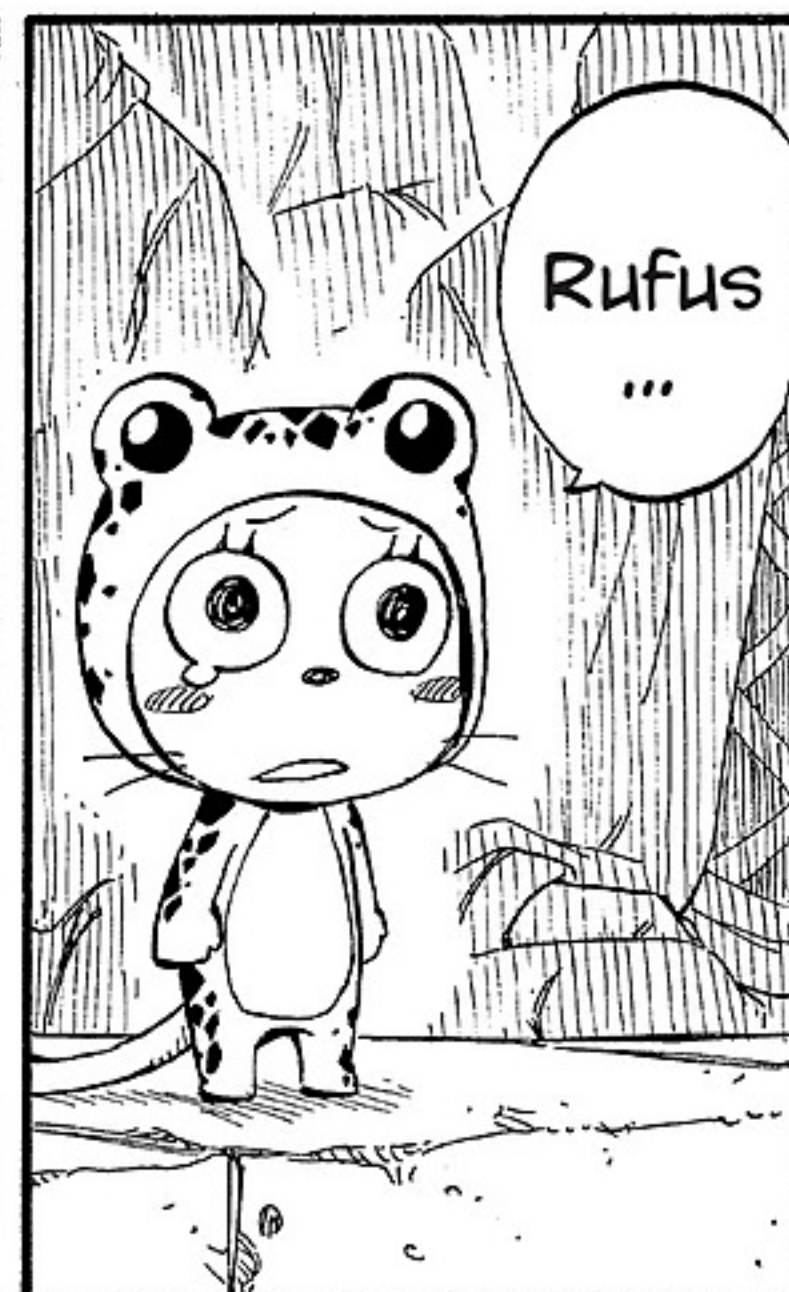
Great
job,
Gray!!!

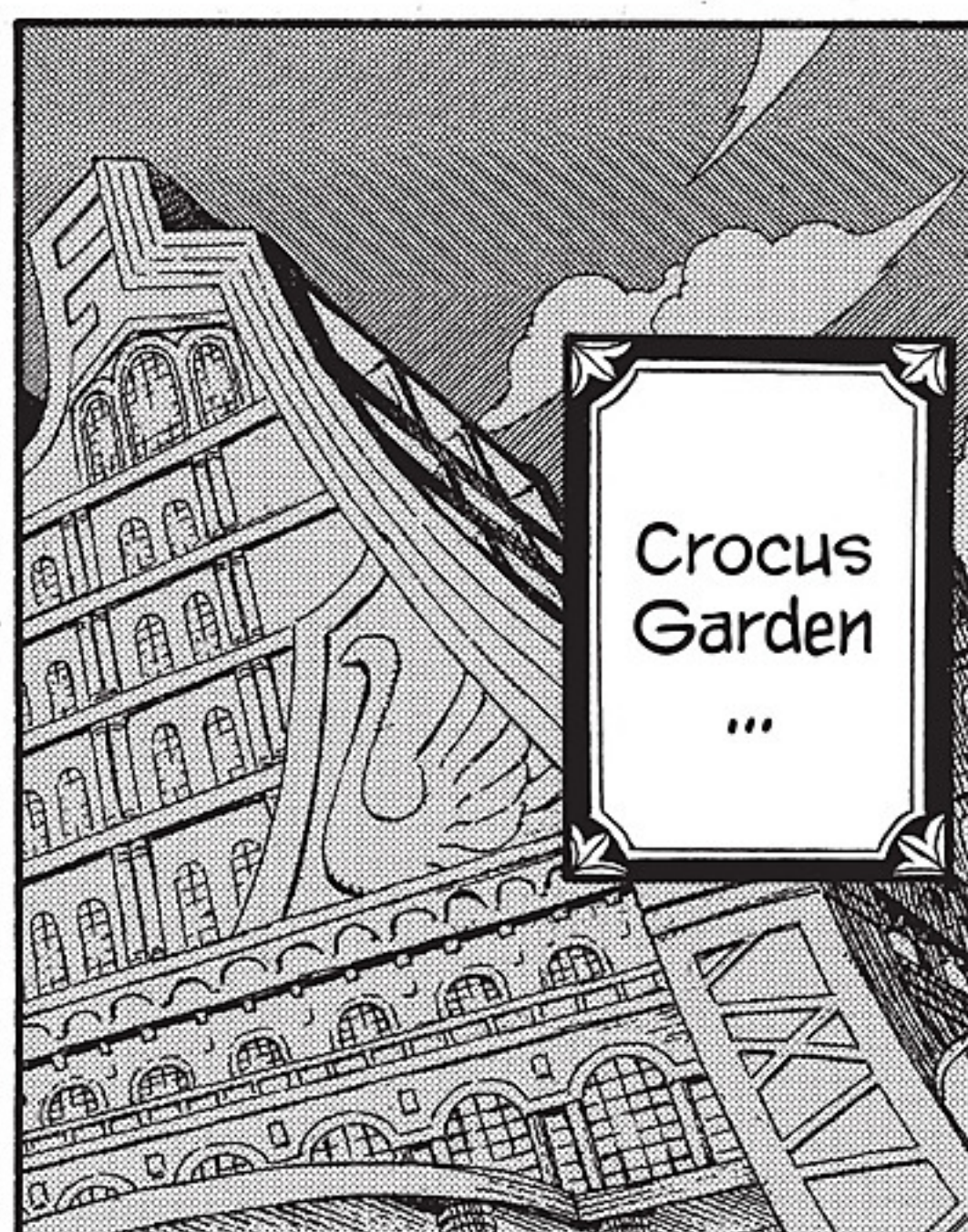
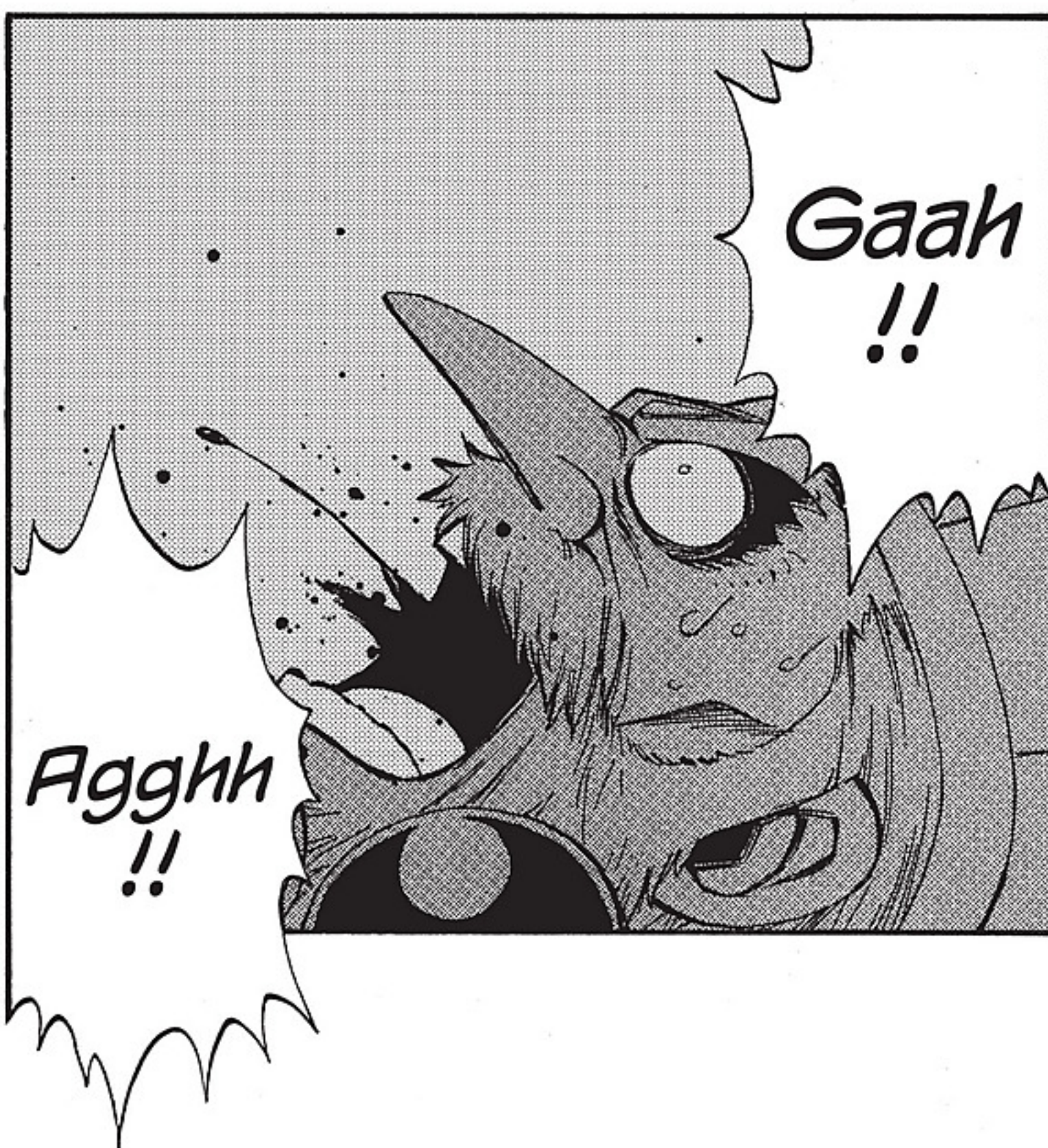
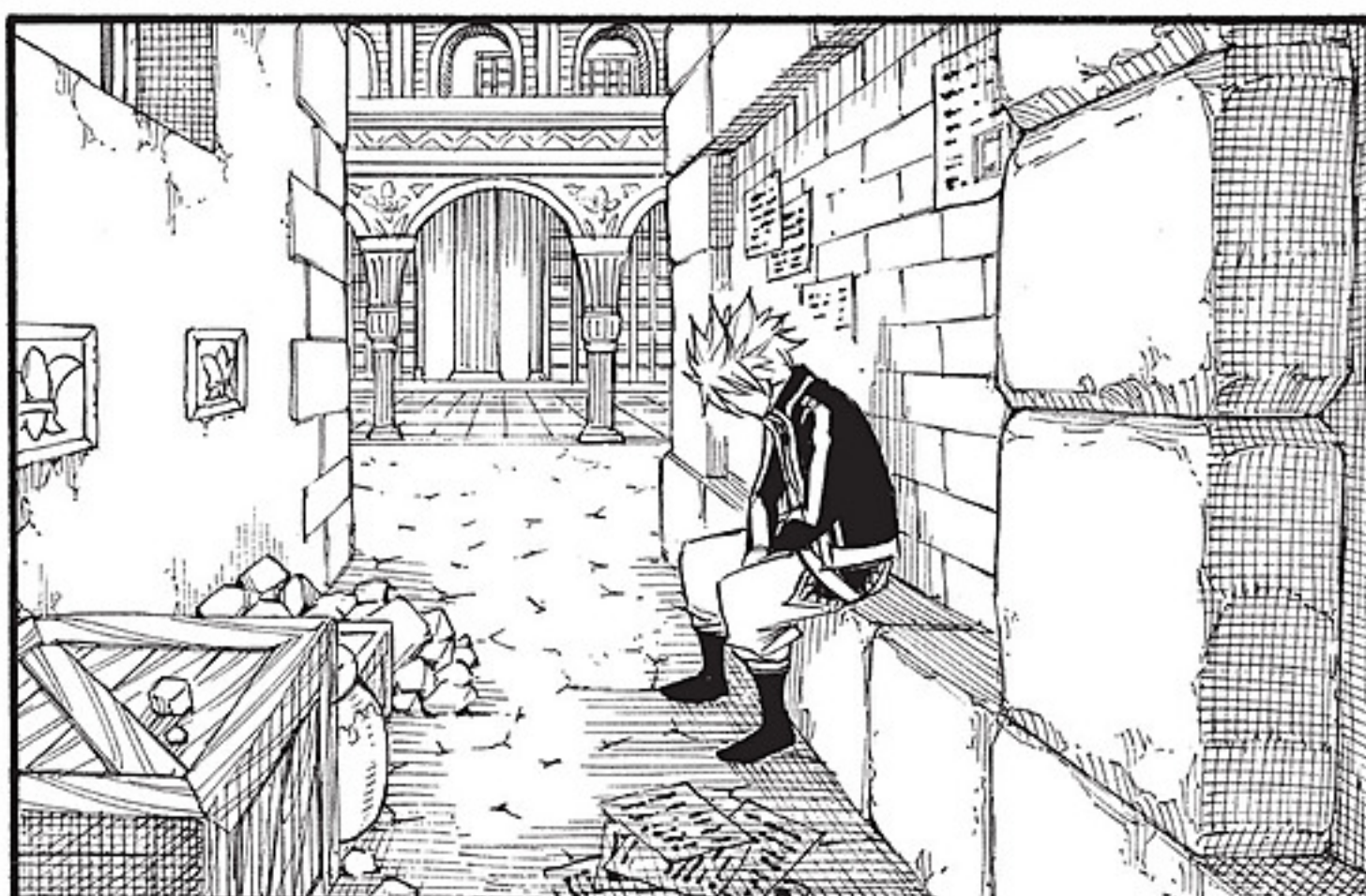
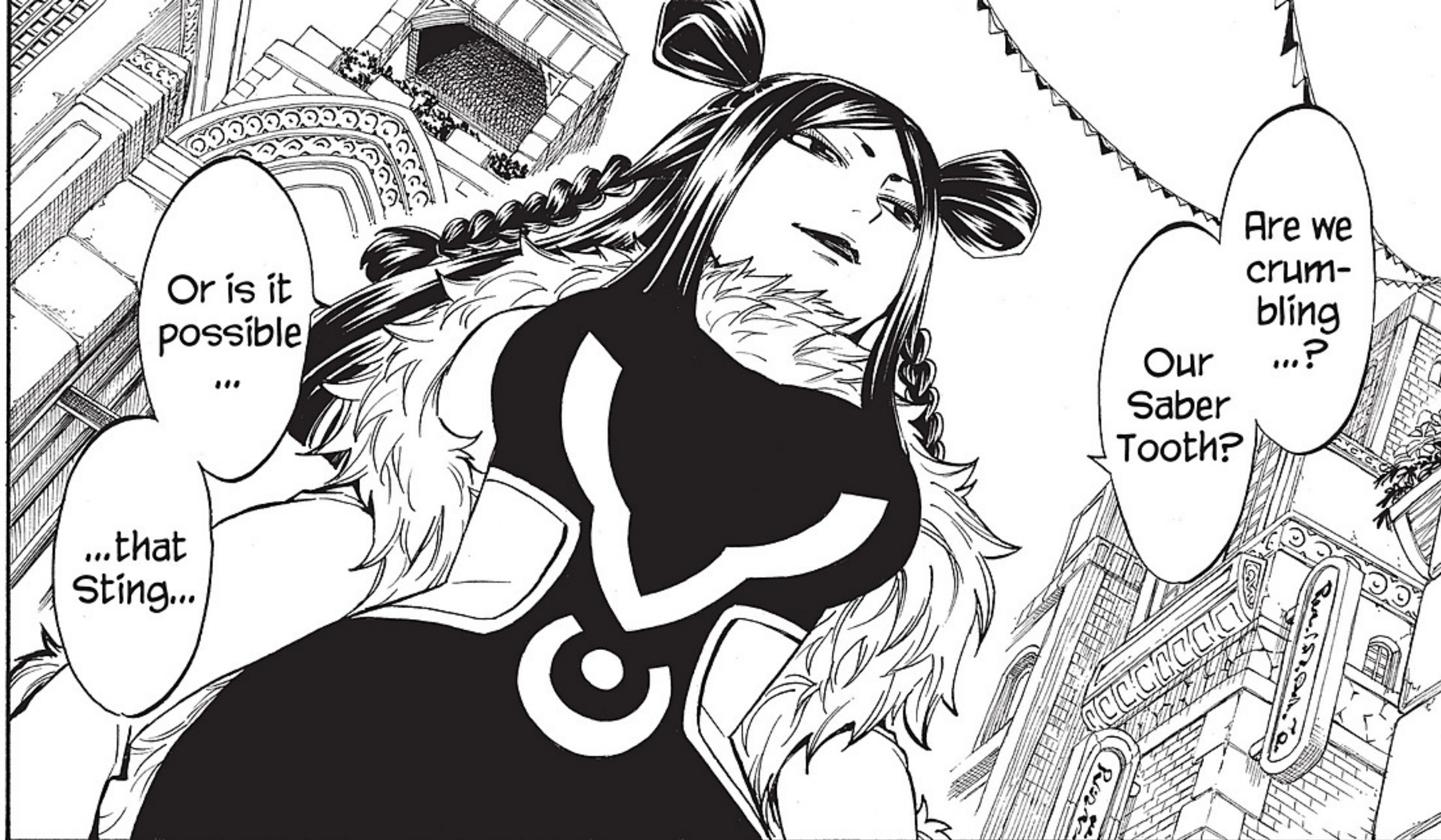
I never
doubted
you,
Gray!

All
right!!!

Let's keep
this thing
up!!

FAIRYTAIL







Sting
!!!

Aaahh!!!



CHATTER

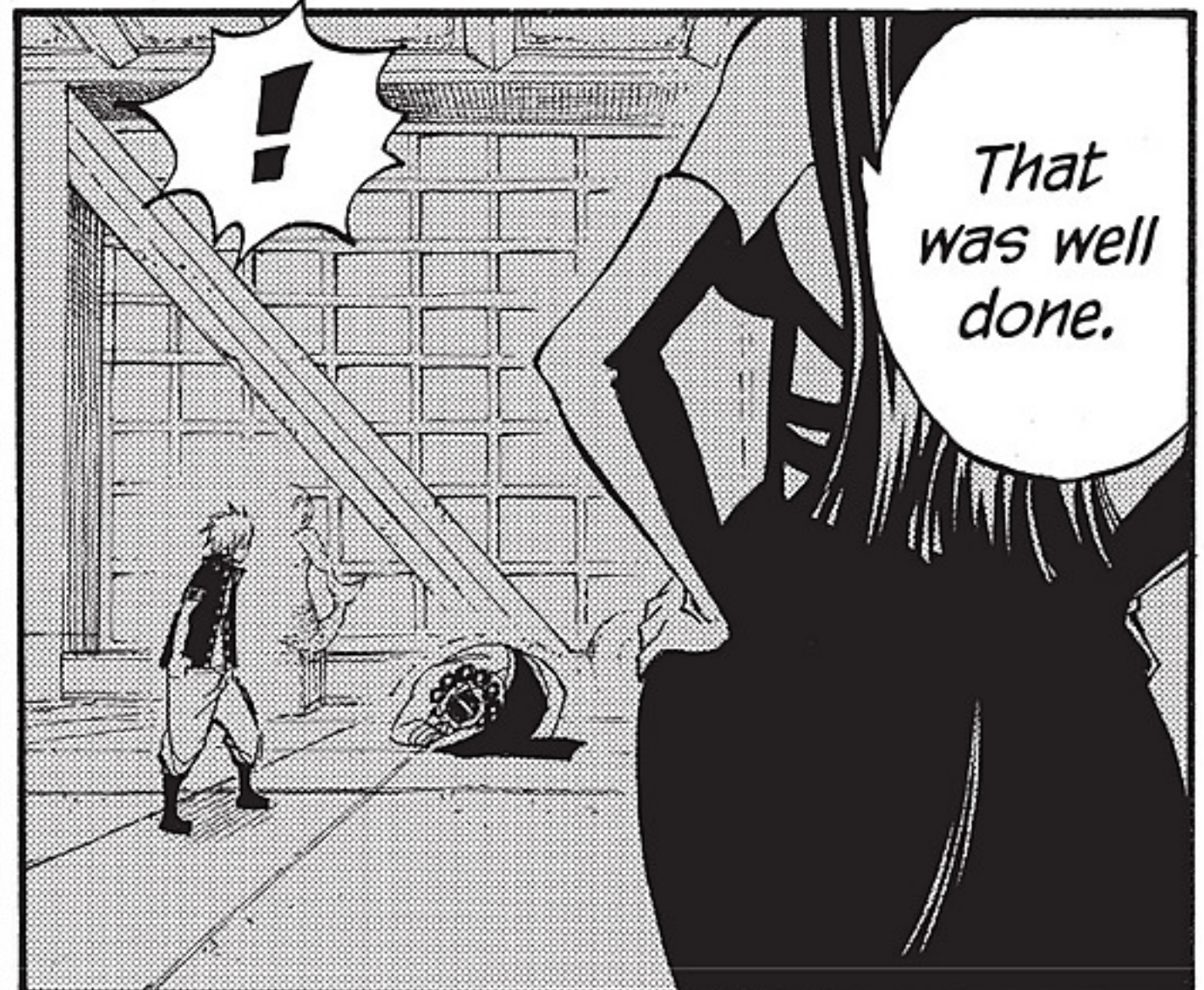


How
dare...

...
you do
that to
Lecter
...?!!



Y-
You...

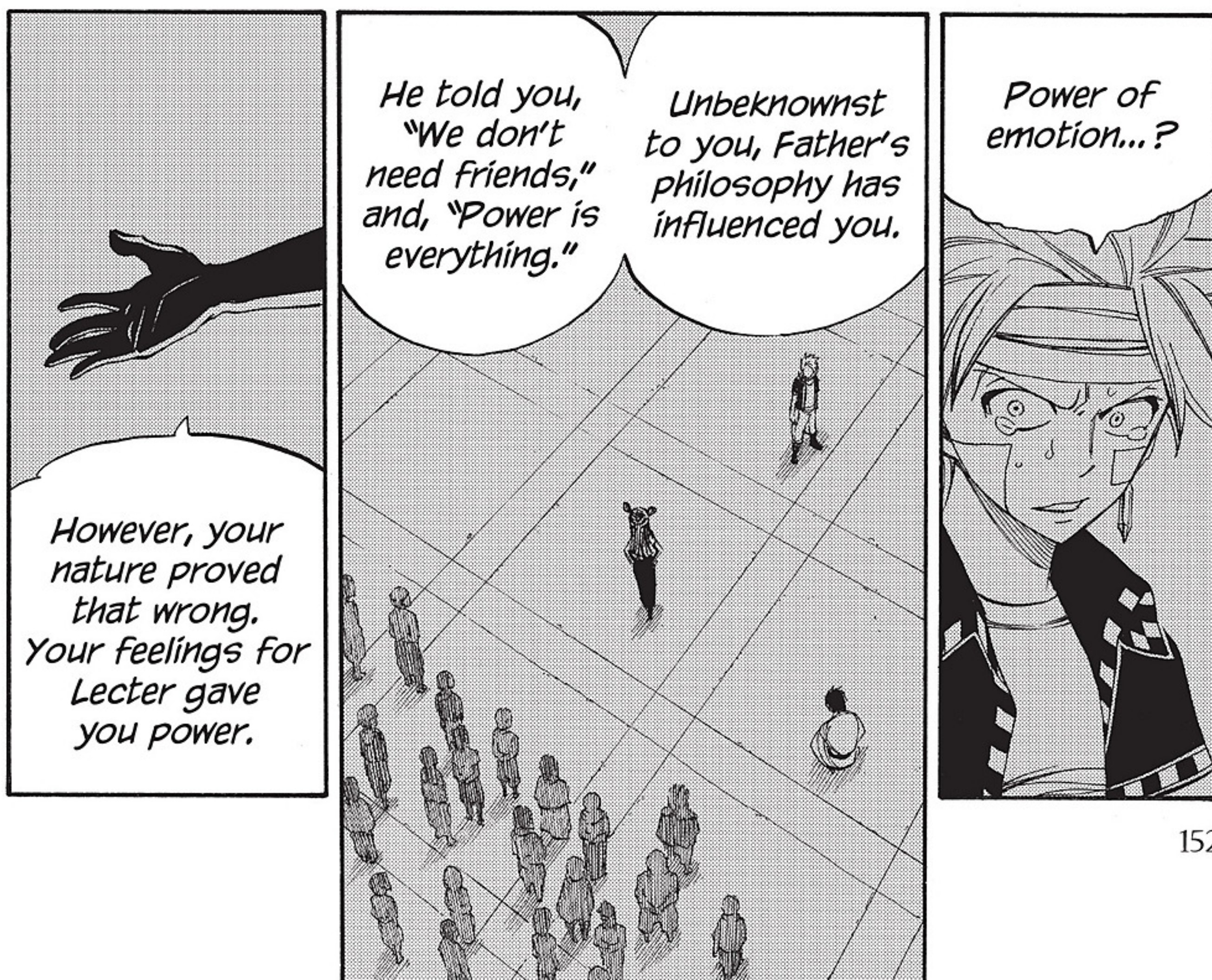
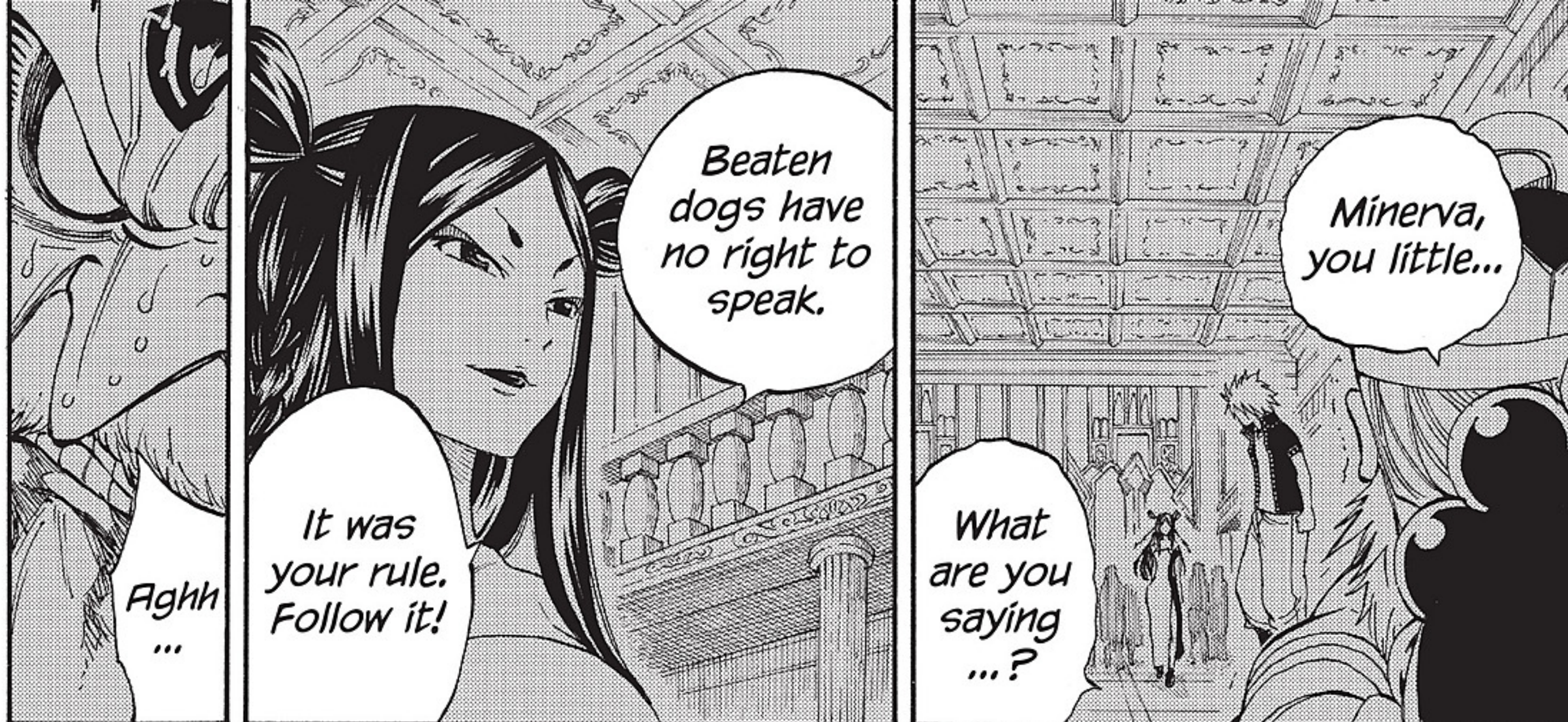


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done.



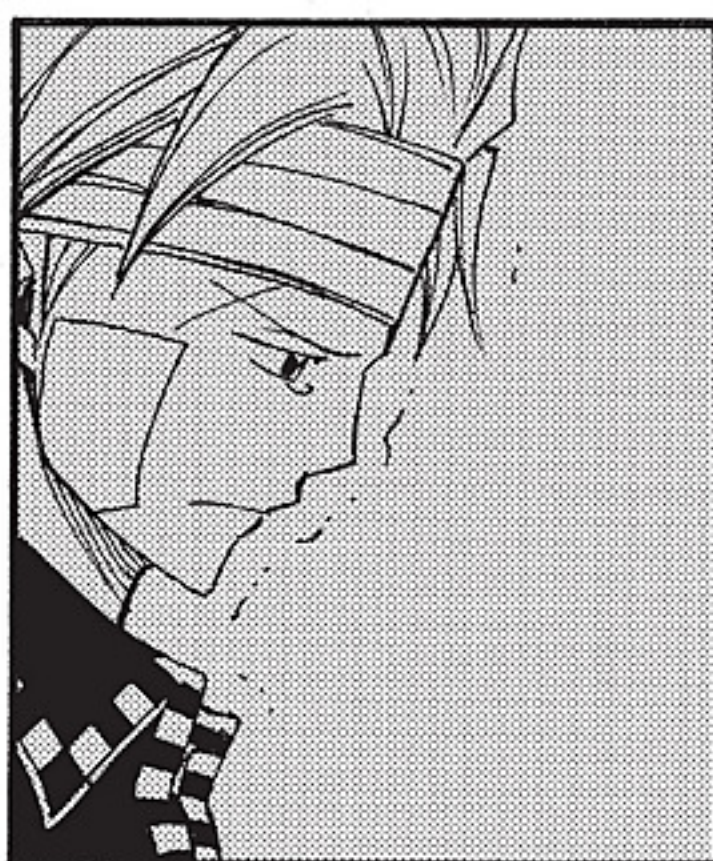
Since Sting's
power has
surpassed even
that of Father's,
he is a fitting
candidate for
the new
master.

Let it be
known that
my father's
reign of
terror has
ended here.



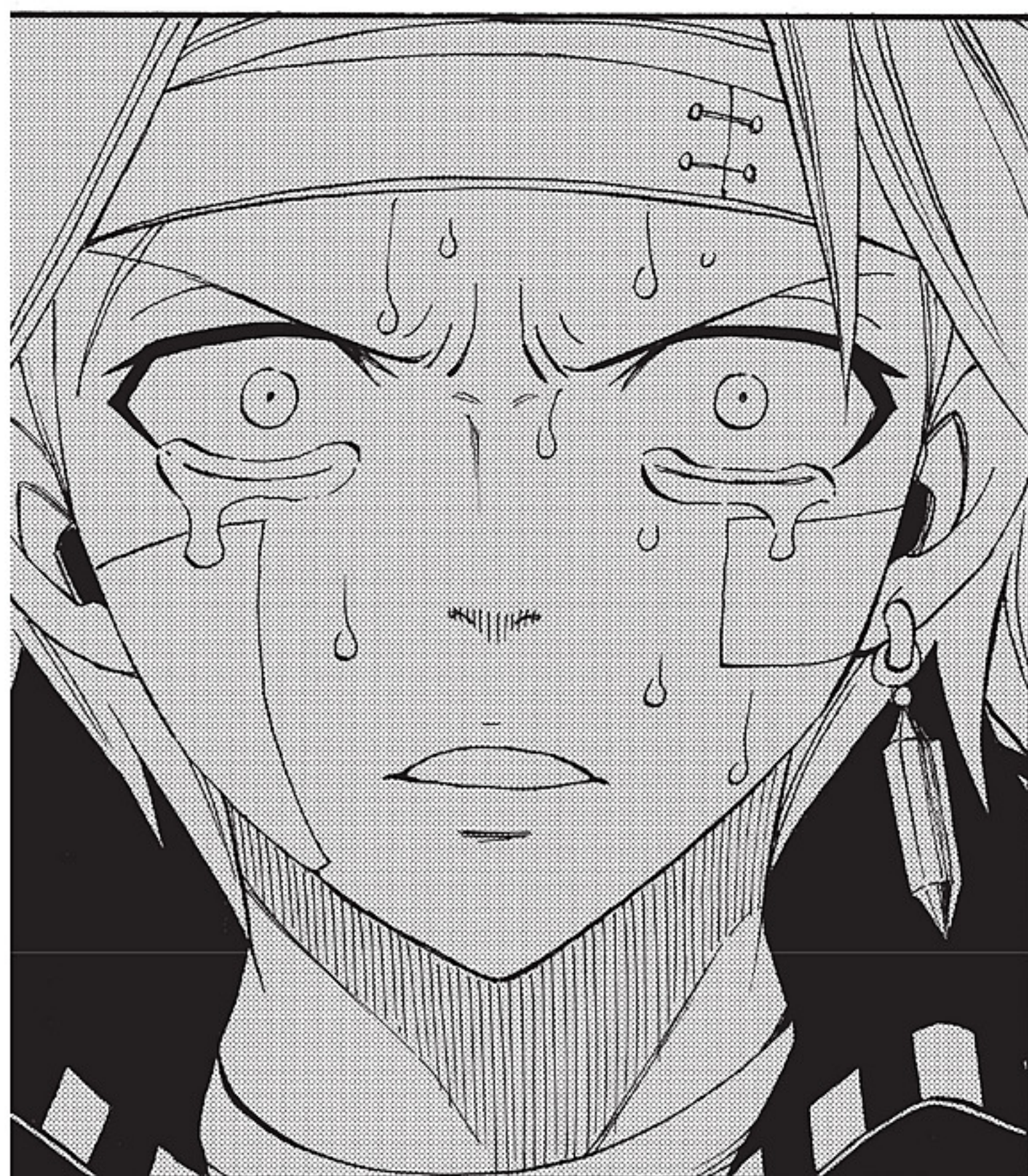


Princess...
I don't
think I
can...



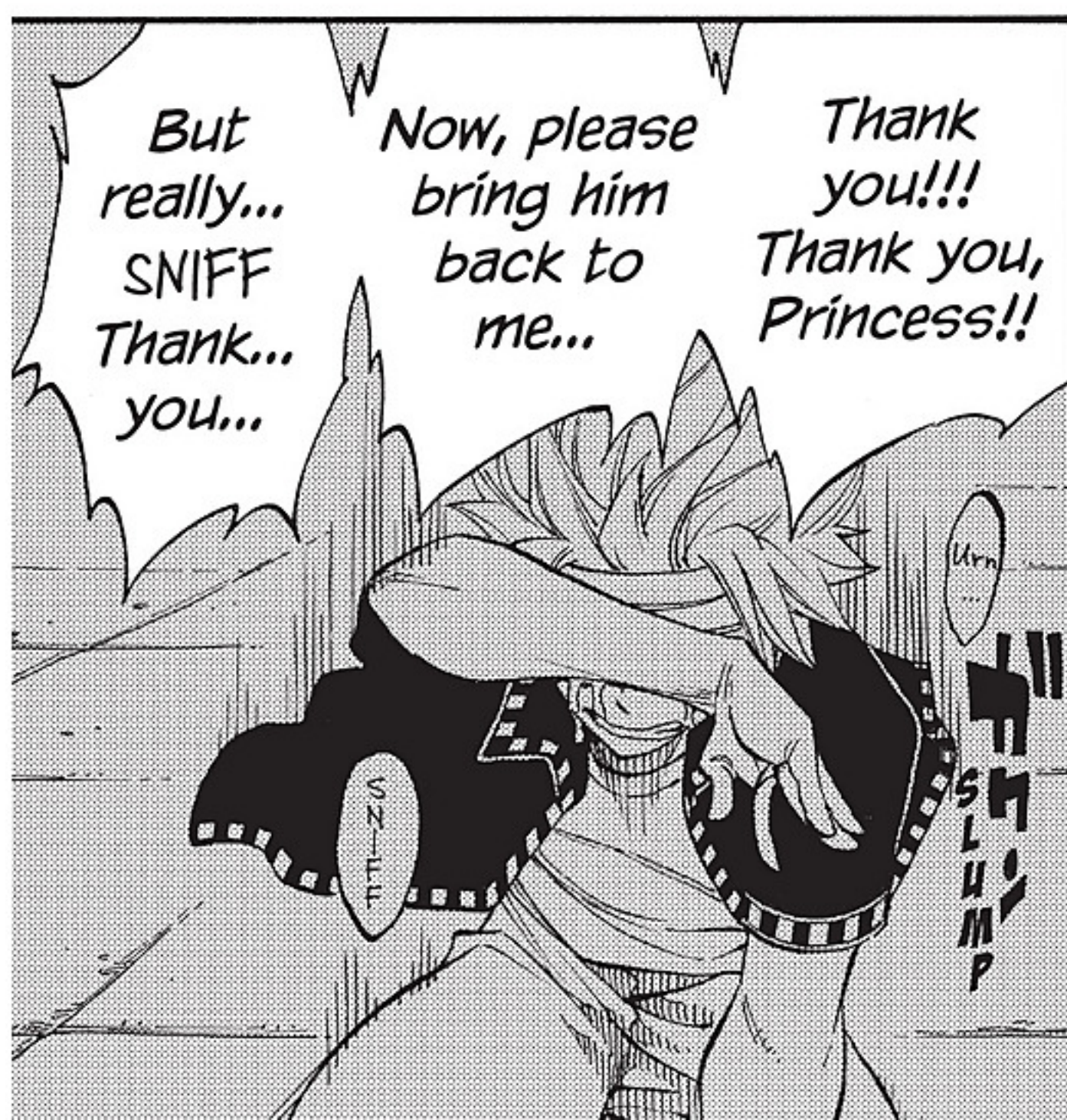
Now,
you can
surpass
Natsu.

You have
managed
to obtain
that power.



Be at
ease.

Lecter
is alive.



But
really...
SNIFF
Thank...
you...

Now, please
bring him
back to
me...

Thank
you!!!
Thank you,
Princess!!



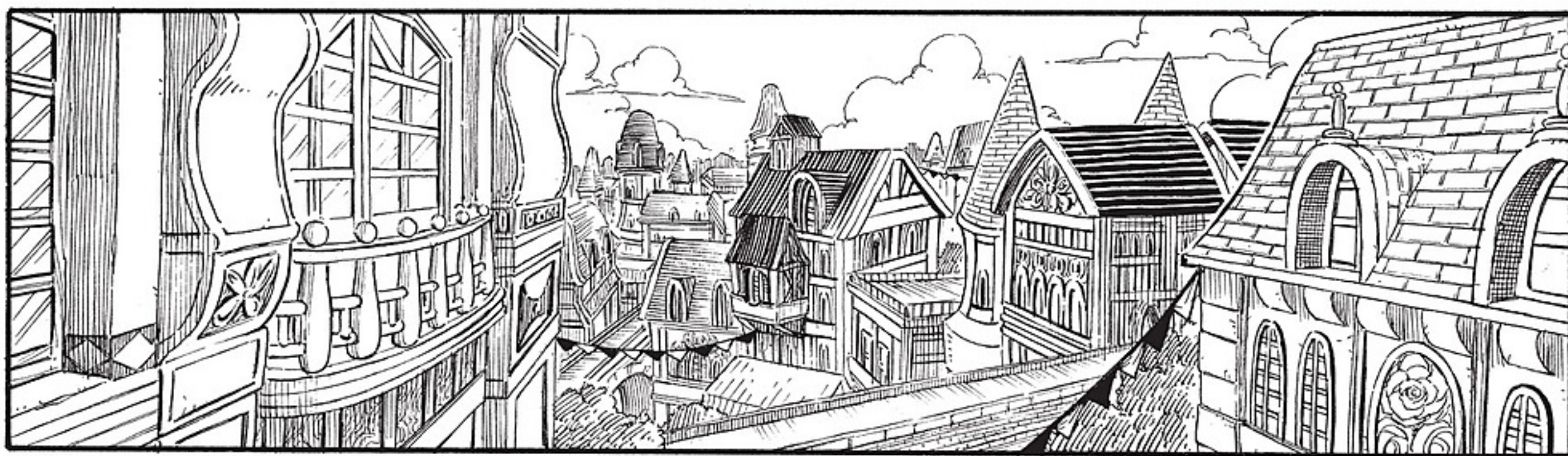
Lecter is
alive...

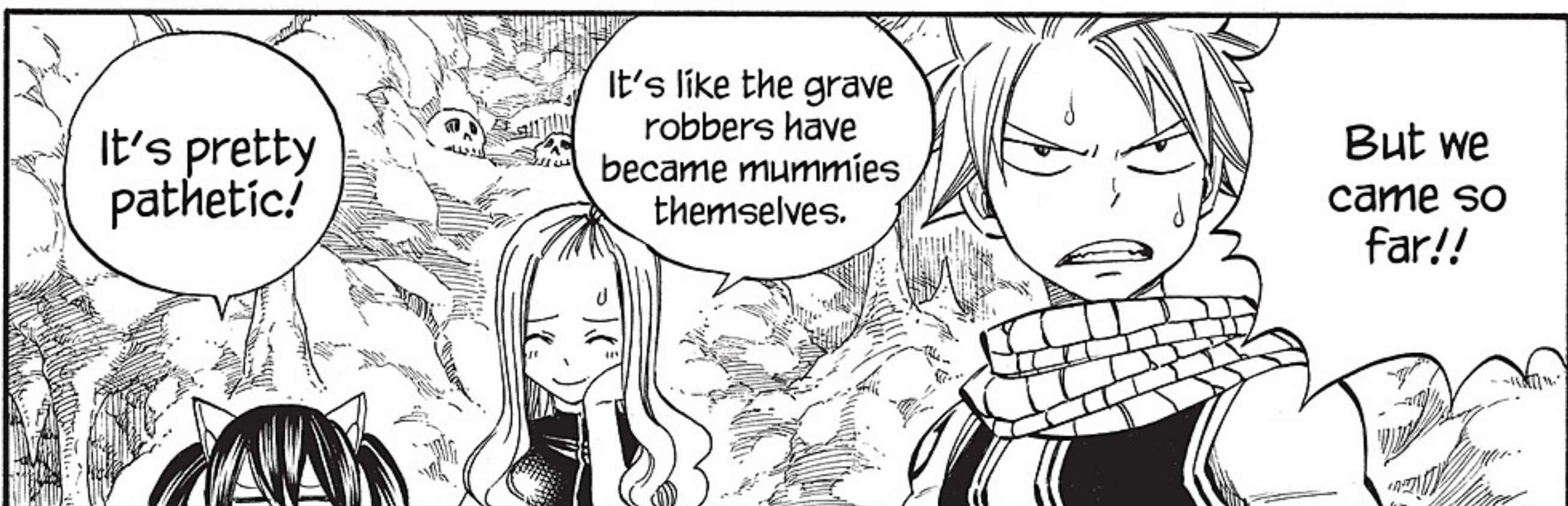
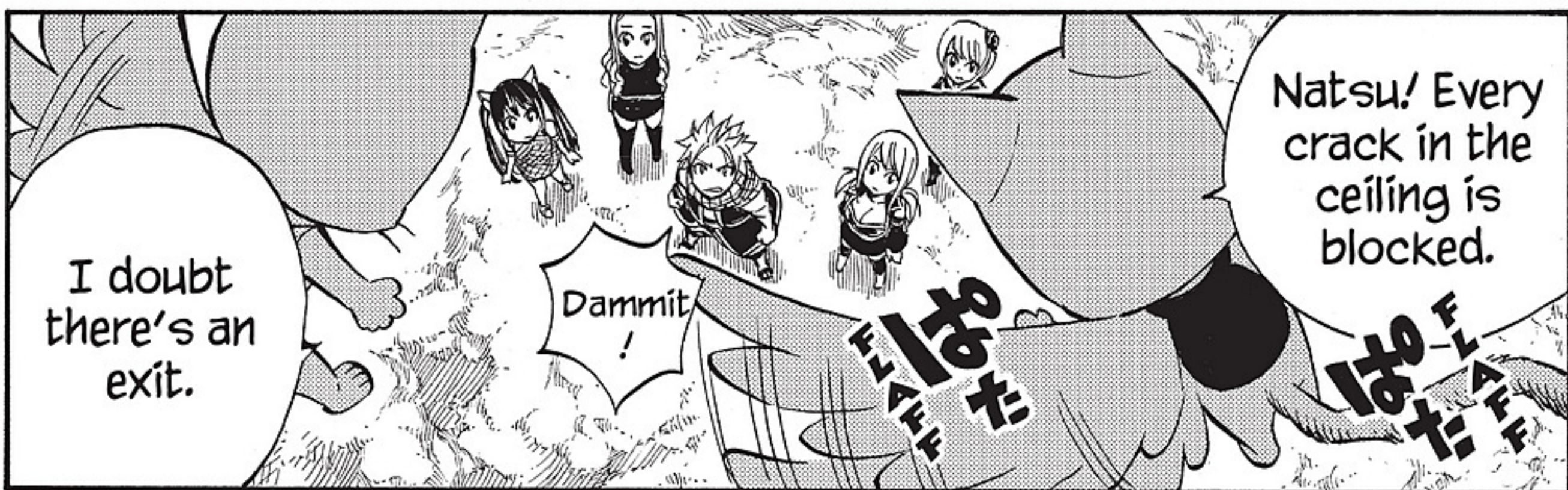
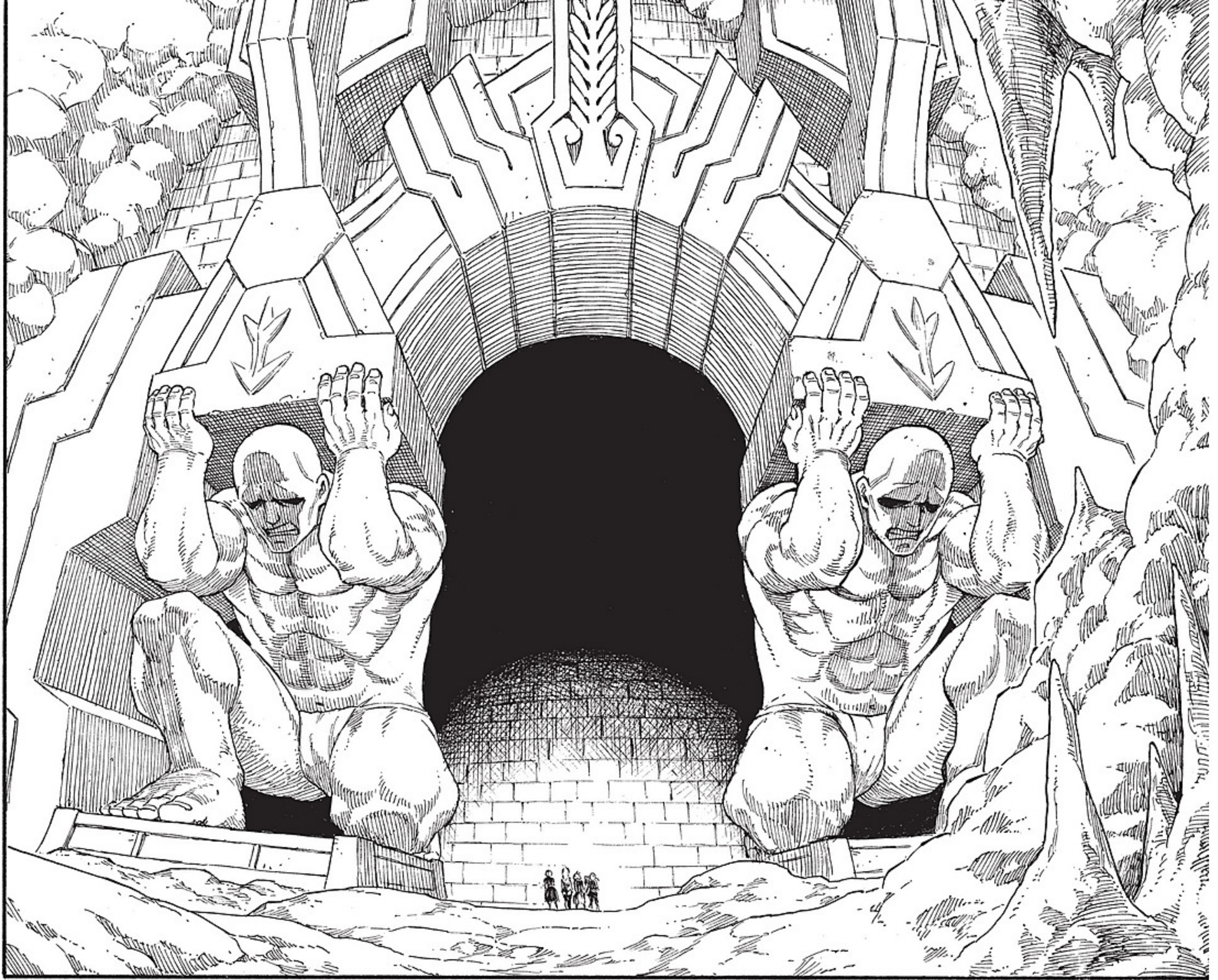


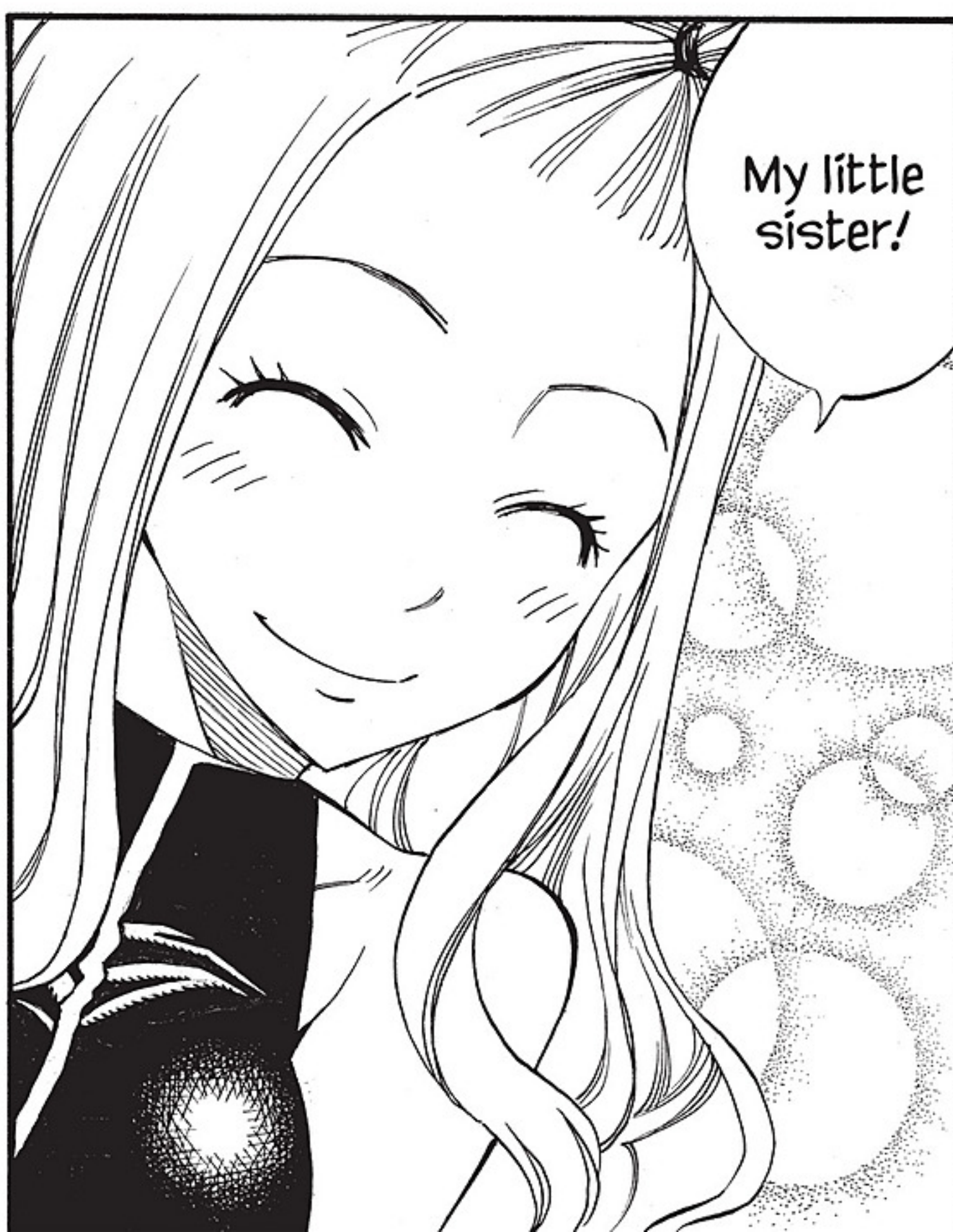
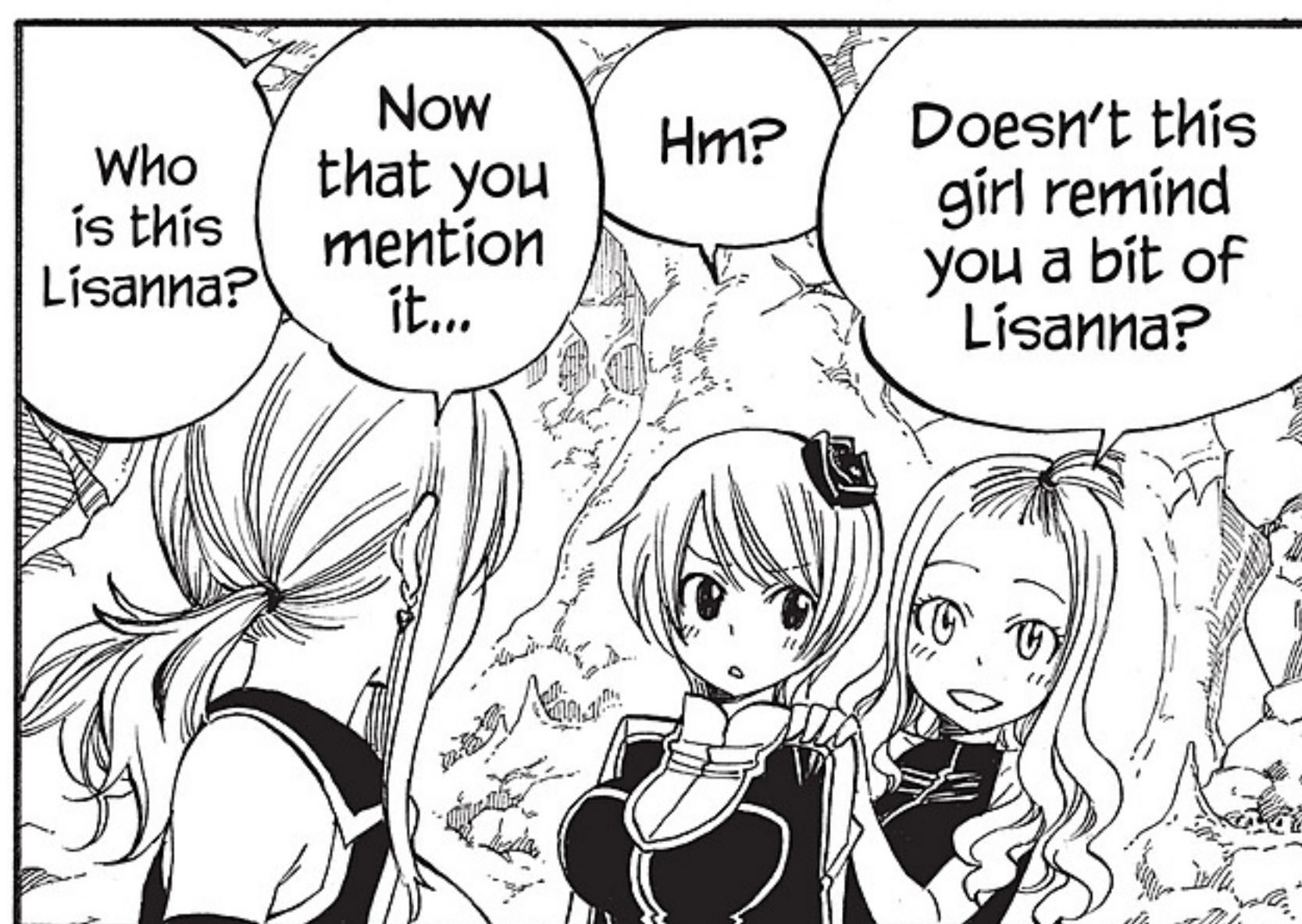
I—Is this
true,
Princess...

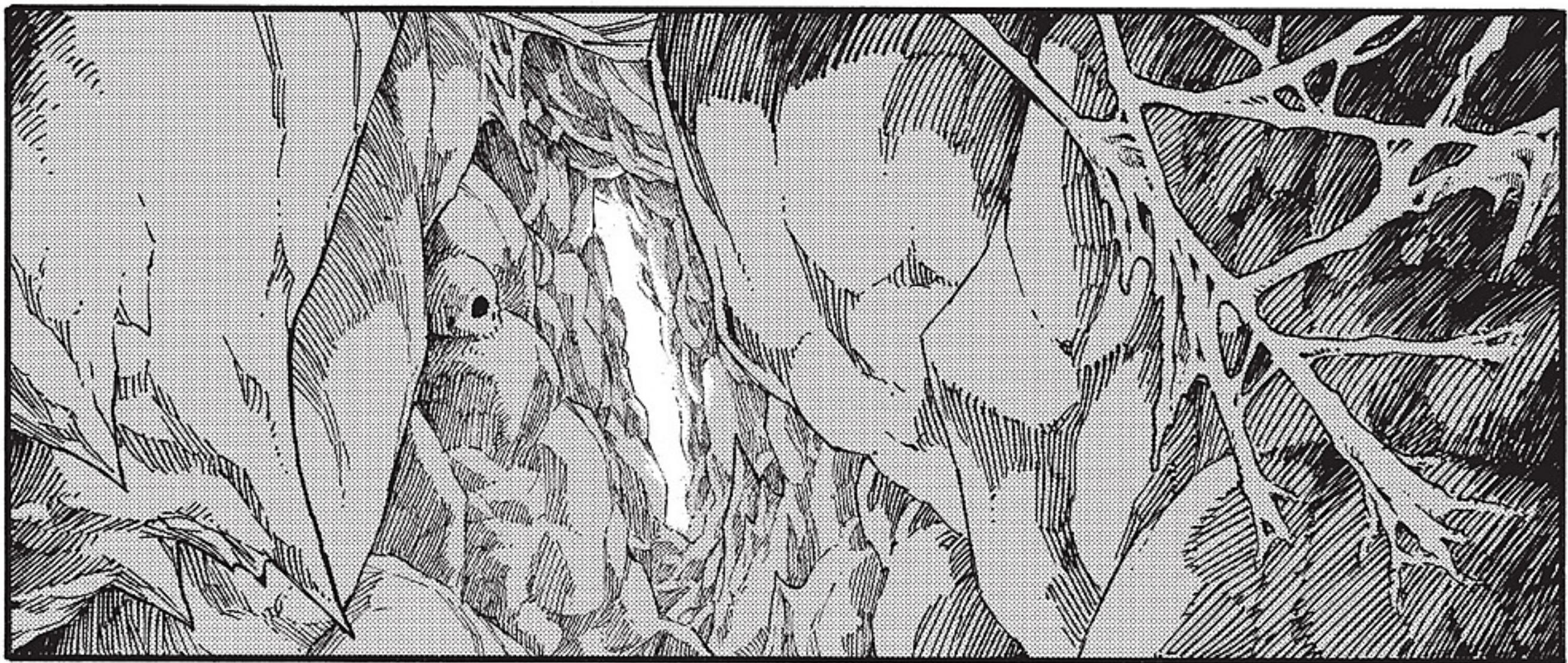
I used my magic
to transport
him to another
location.



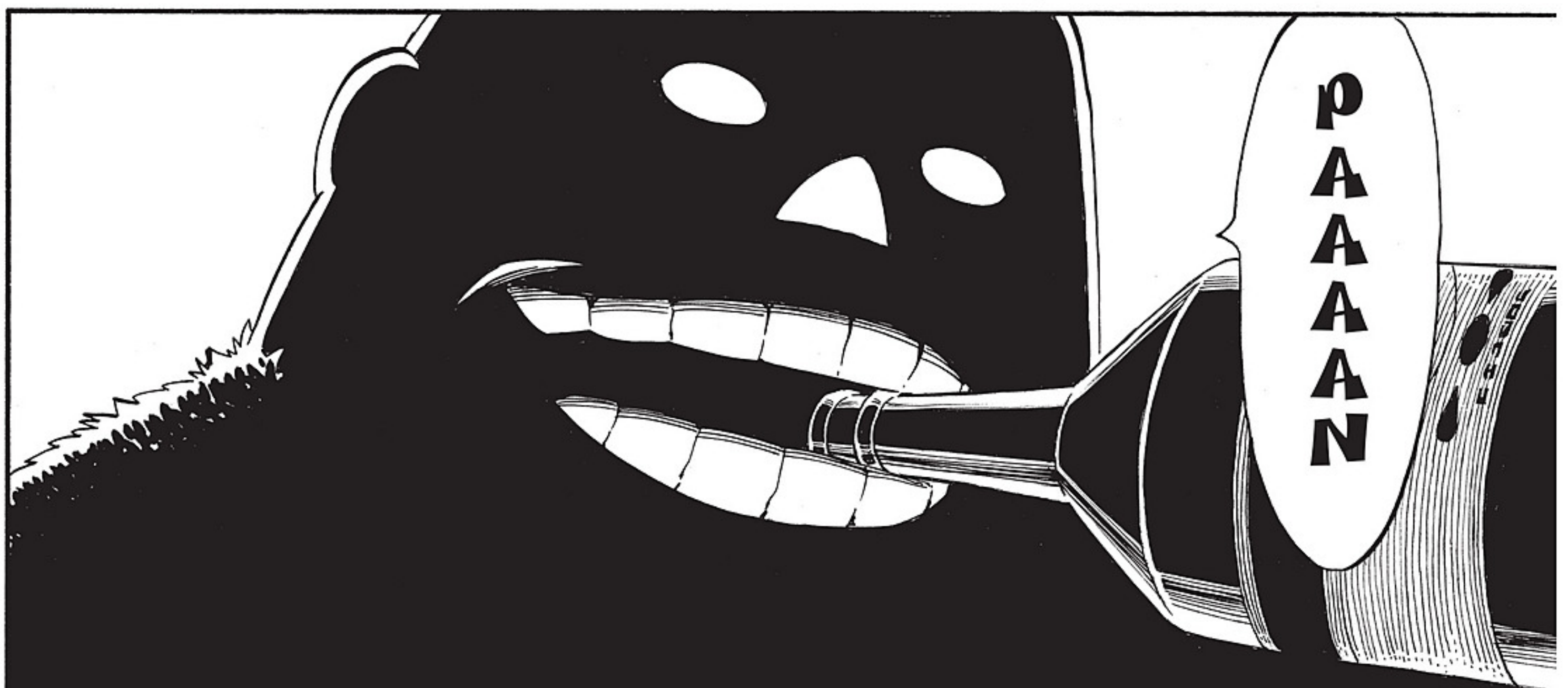


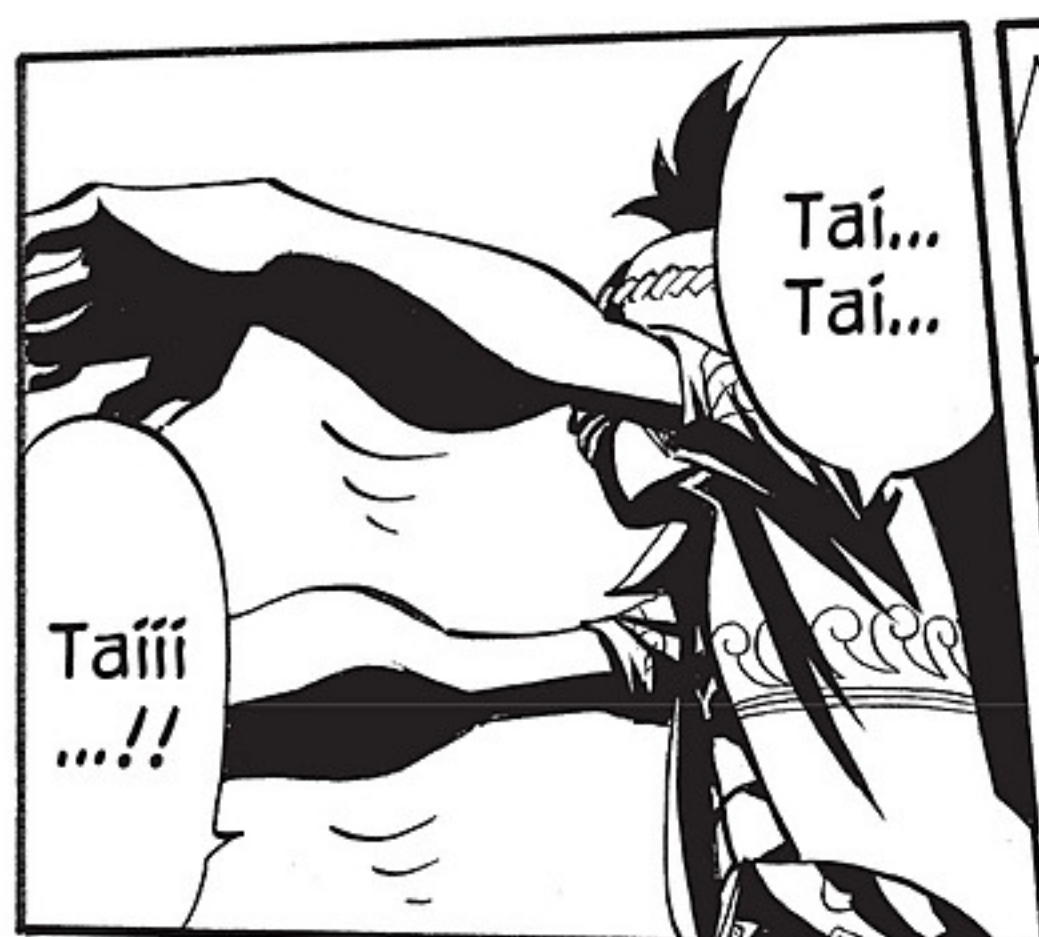






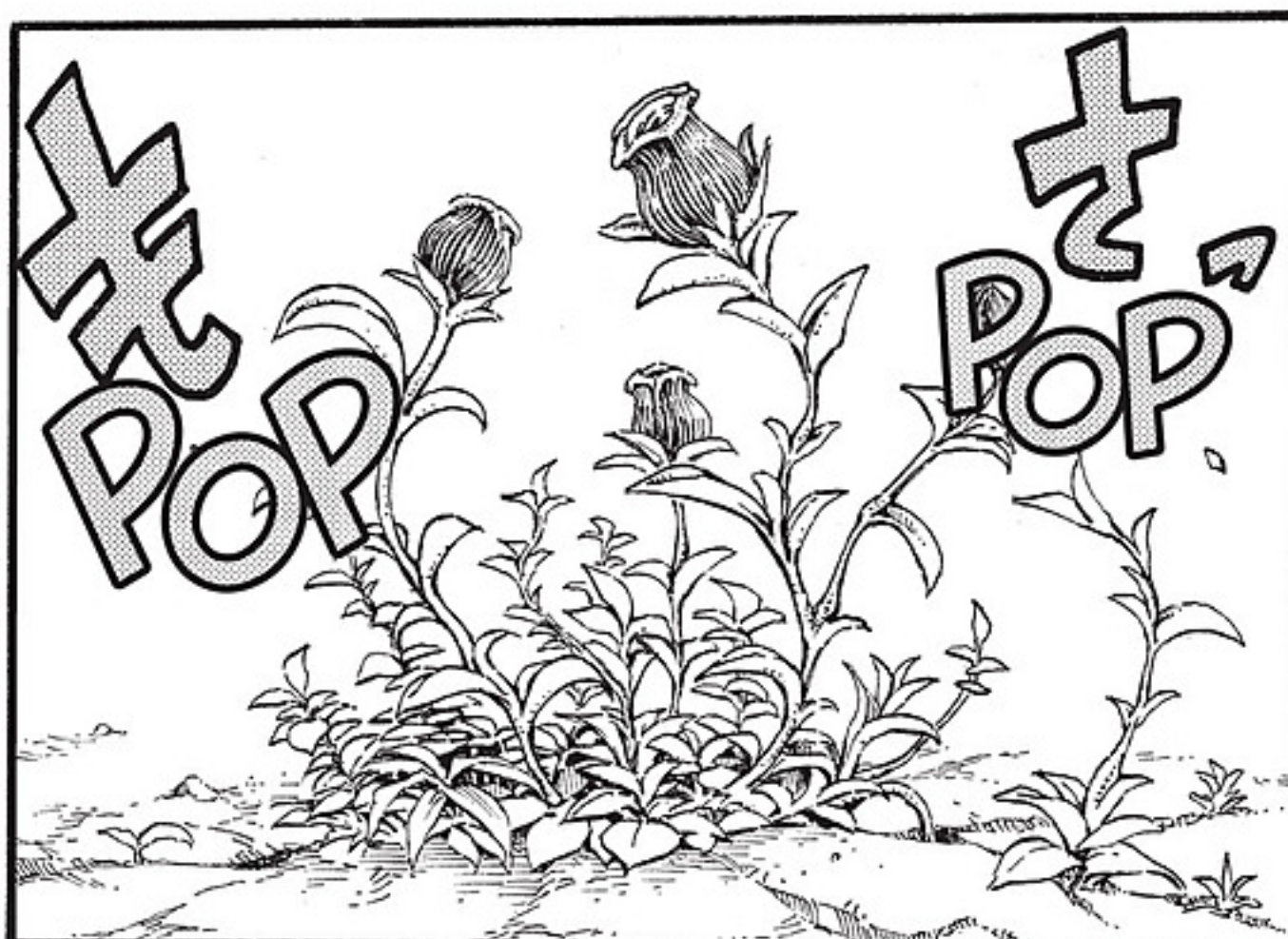
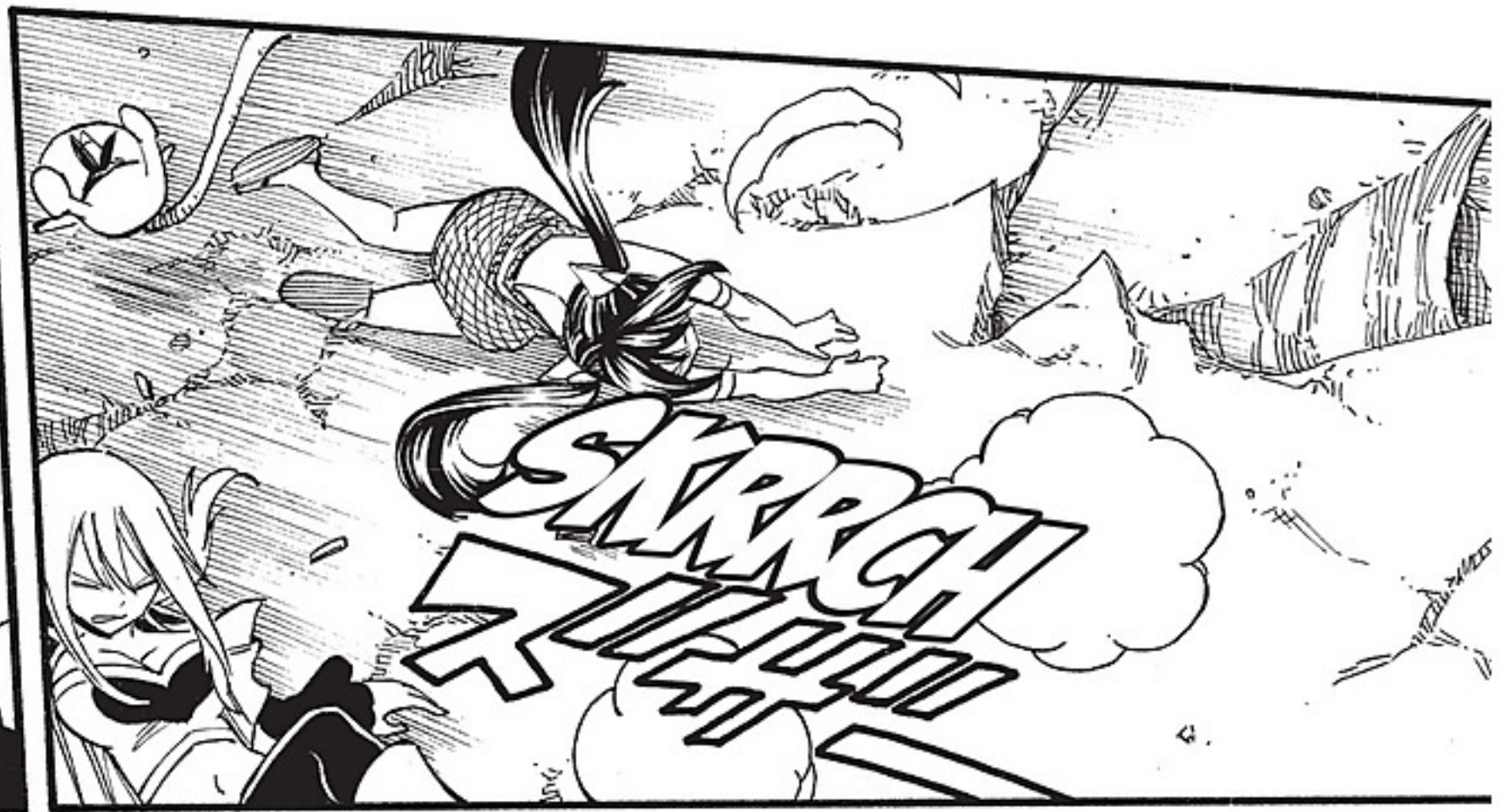






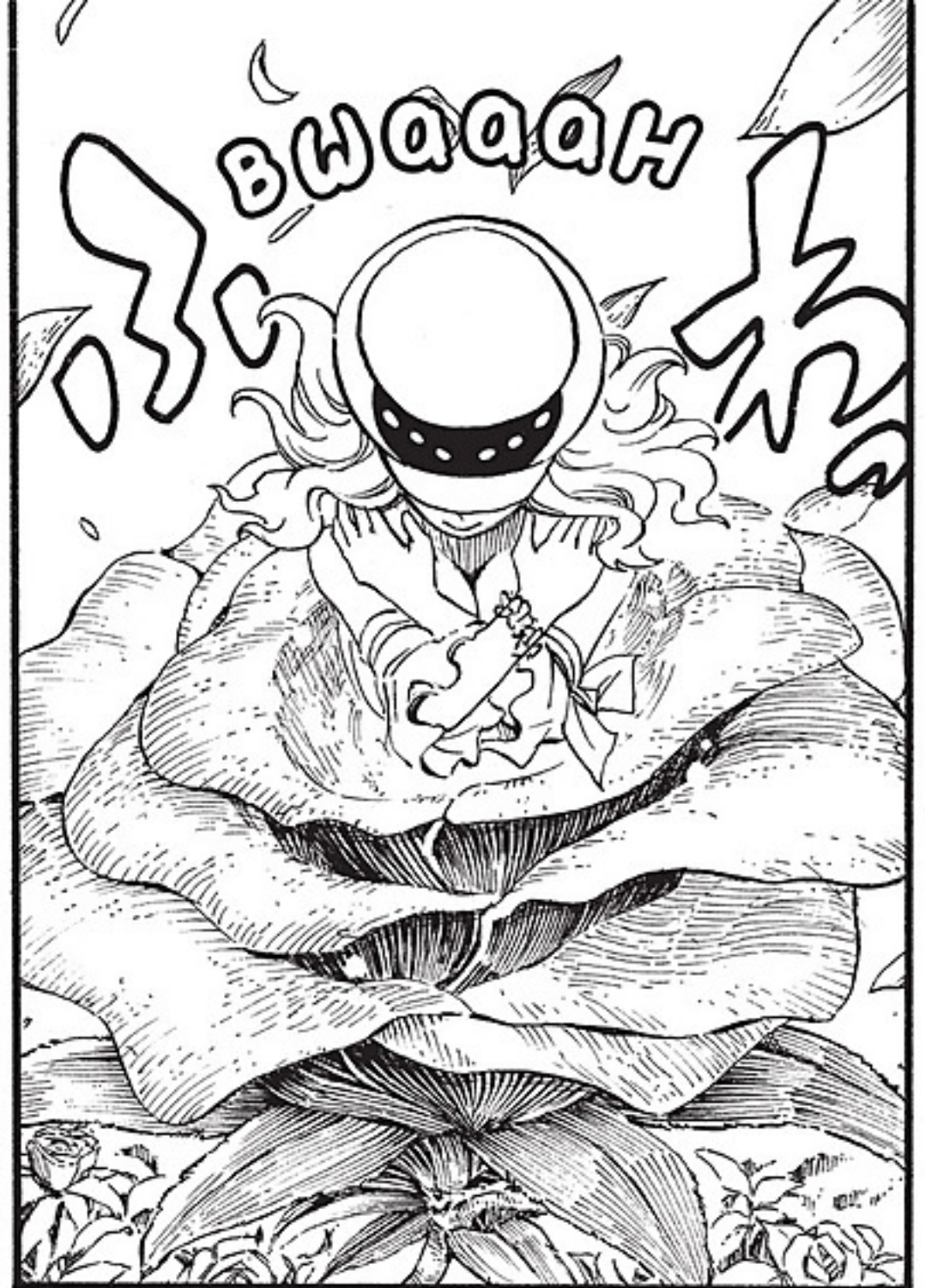
Flag: Hungry Wolf Knights







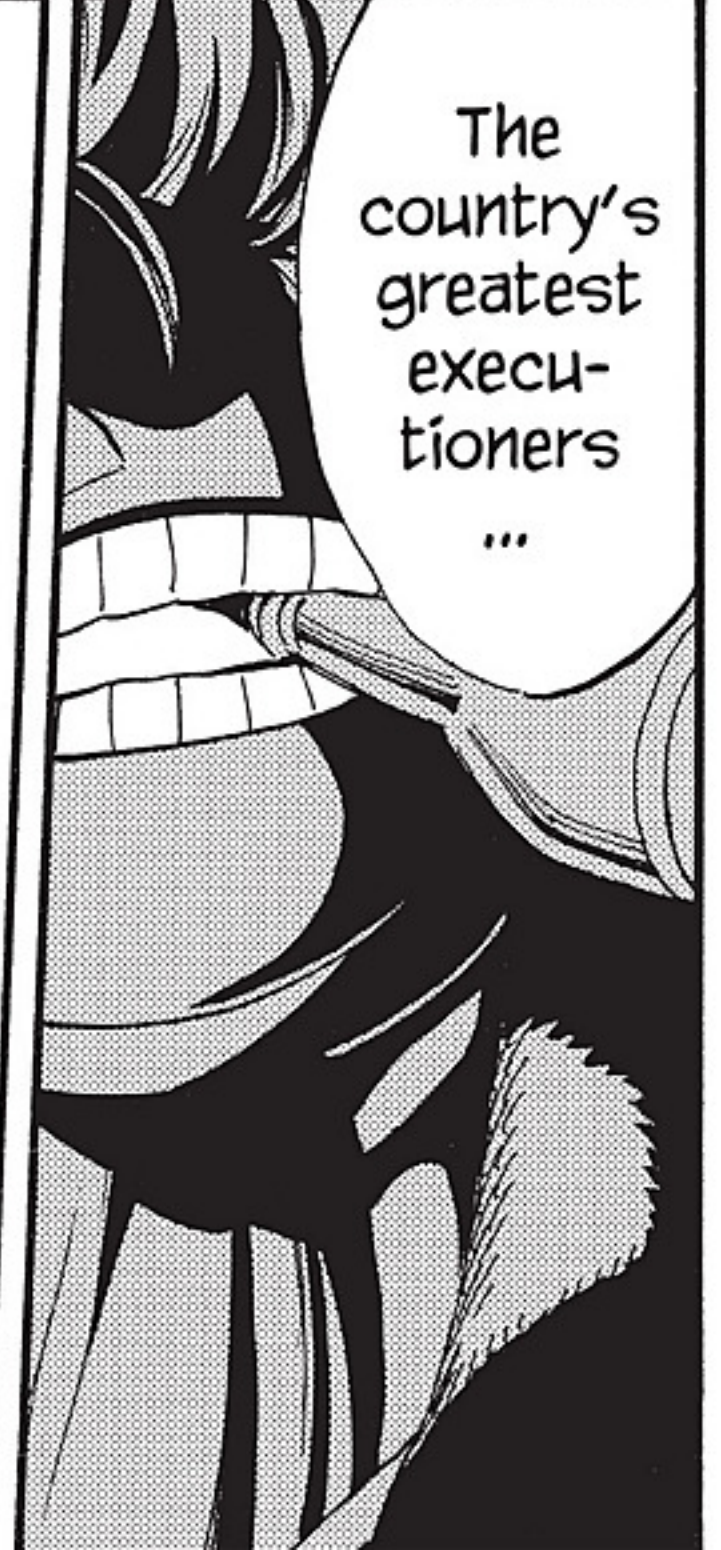
There are
more of
them!



They are an
independent
squad that
supports the
nation from the
shadows...



The
Hungry
Wolf
Knights
!!



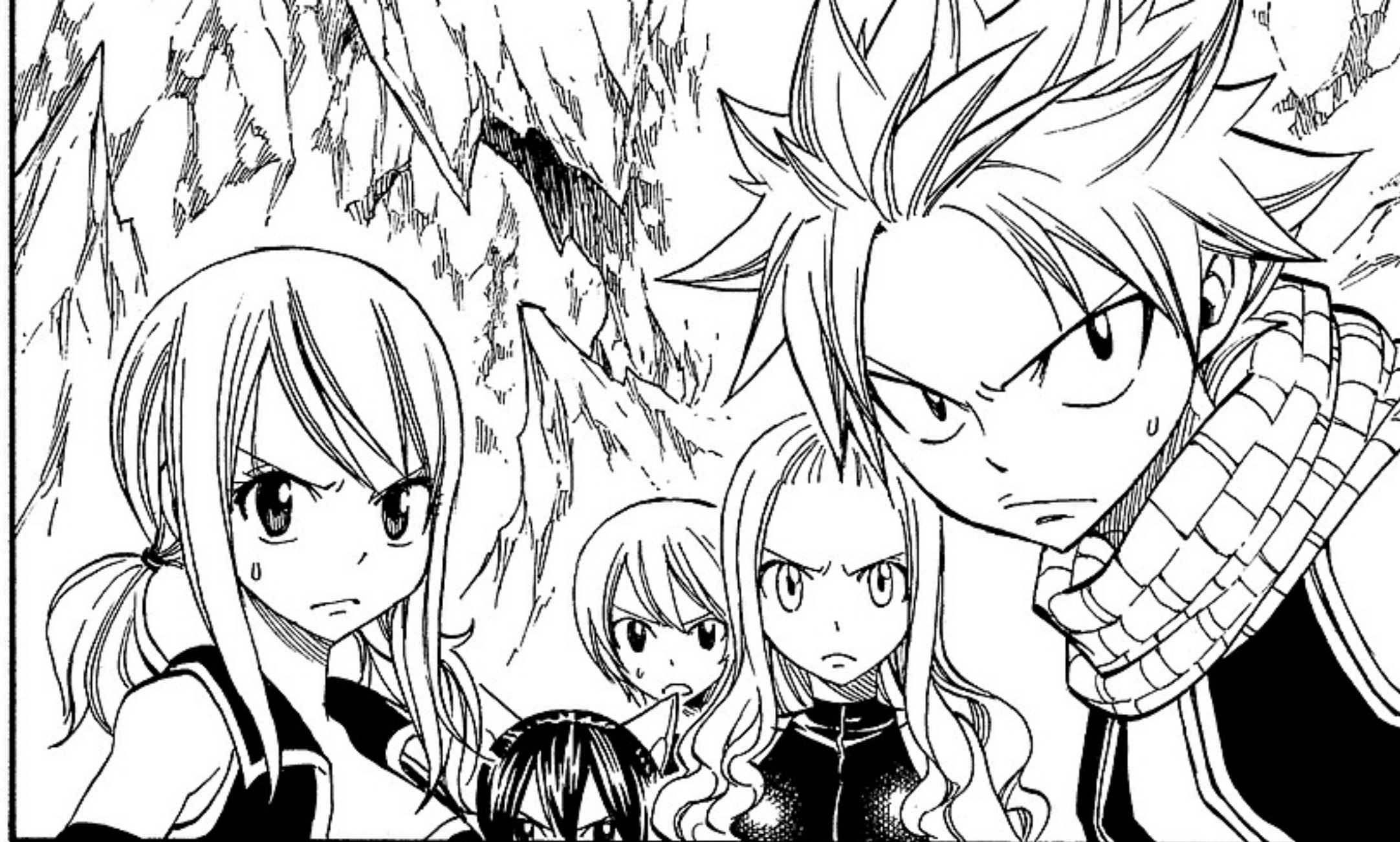
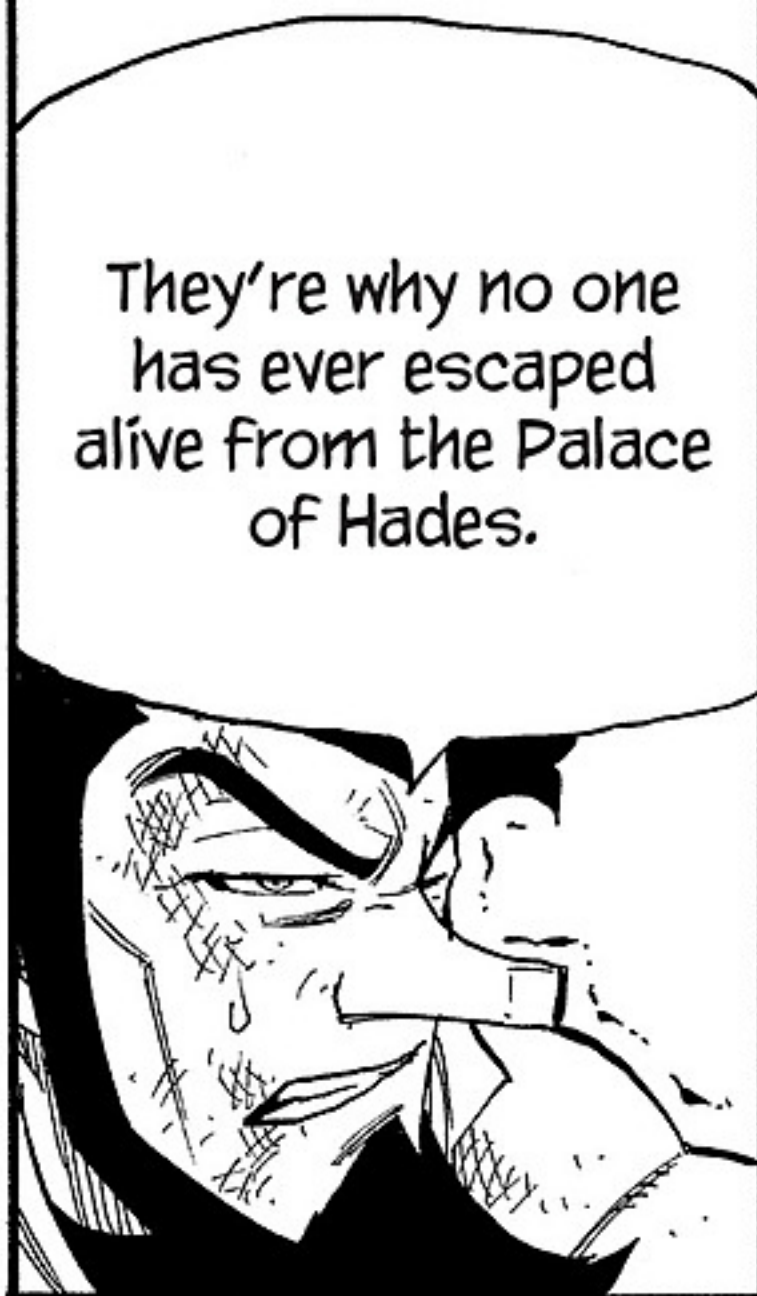
The
country's
greatest
execu-
tioners
...



...go
on duty
at 1500
hours
!!!!

The
Hungry
Wolf
Knights
...

They're why no one
has ever escaped
alive from the Palace
of Hades.



*By the special
authority granted
the Hungry
Wolf Knights,
an independent
squad of Fiore...*

*... we will
now execute
these law
breakers.*

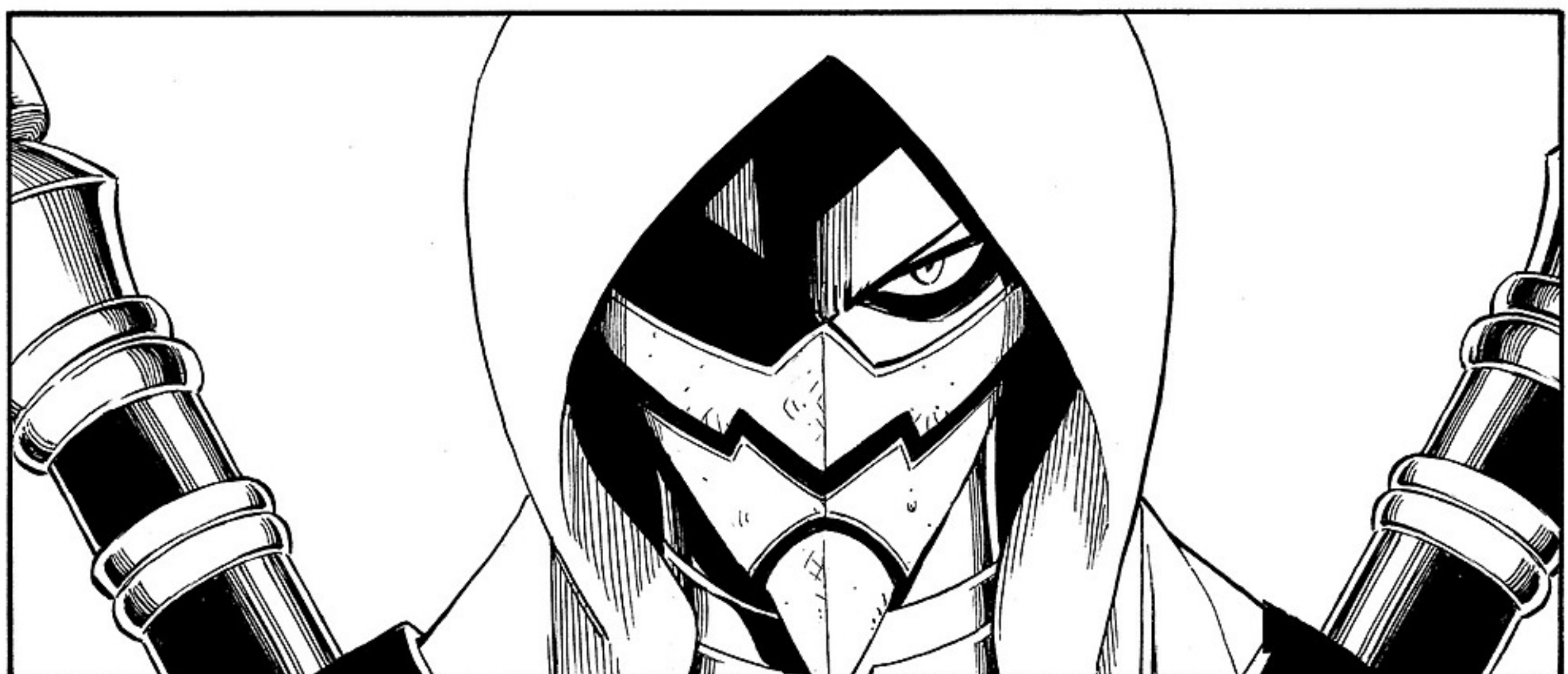
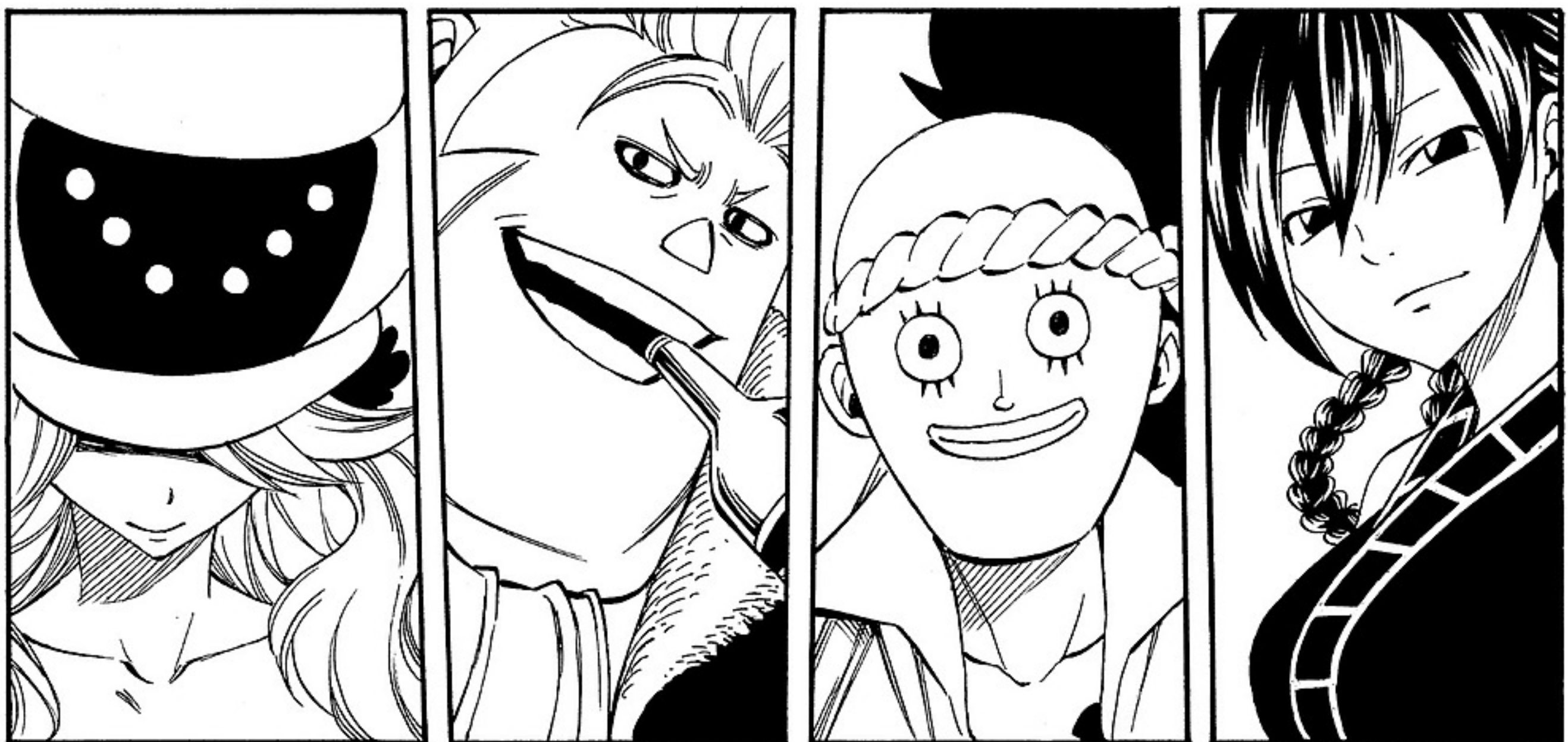


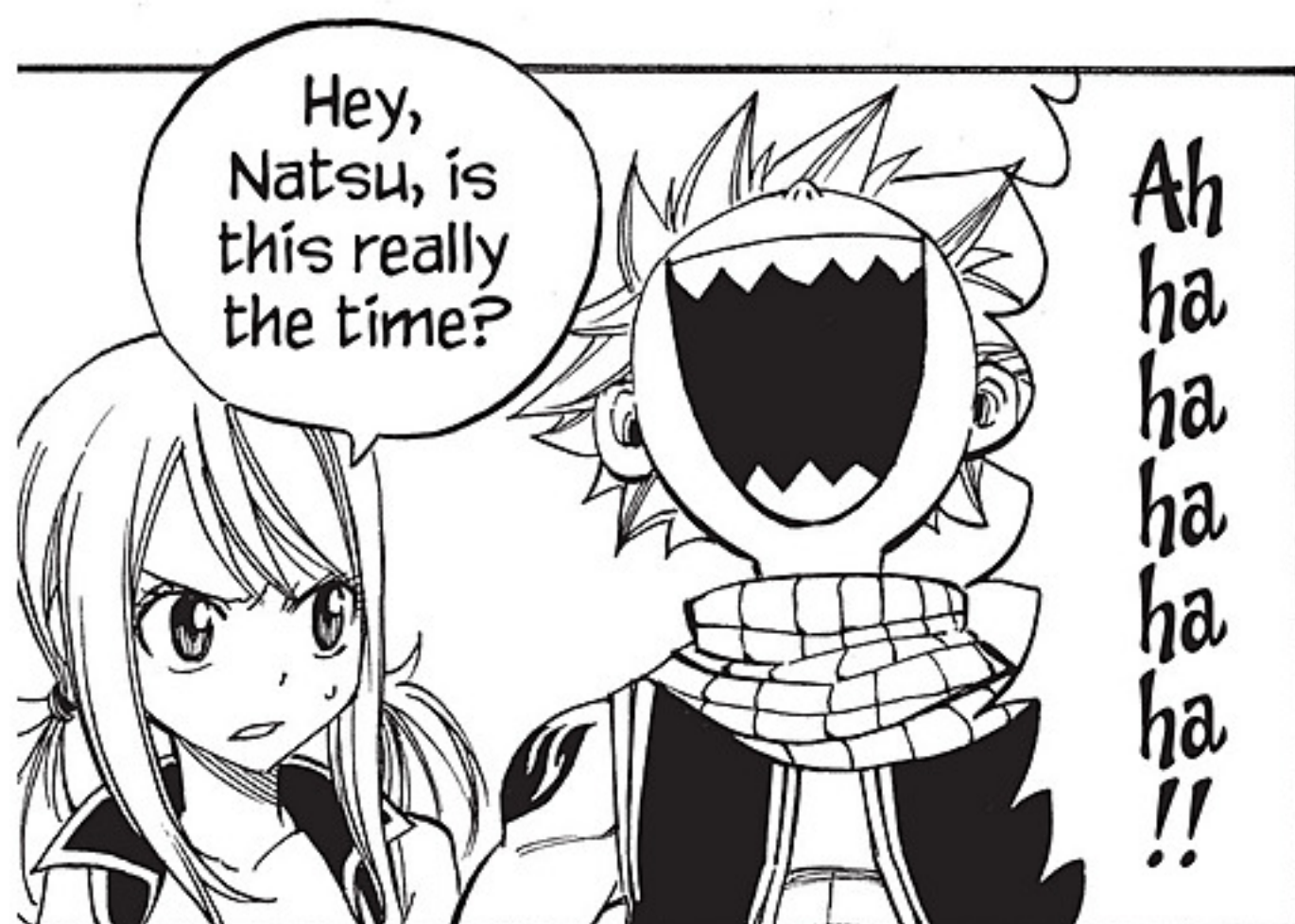
FAIRY TAIL

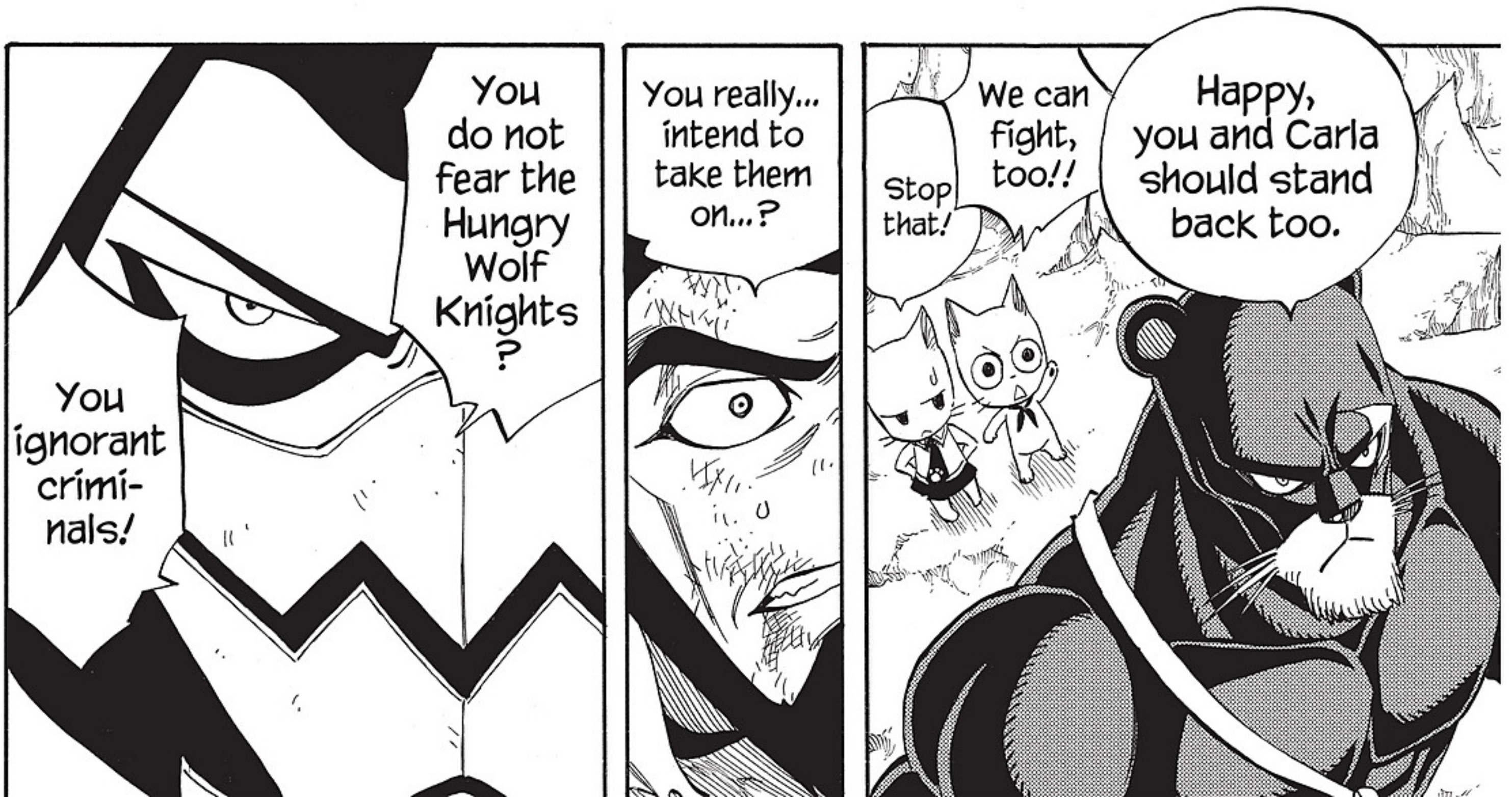
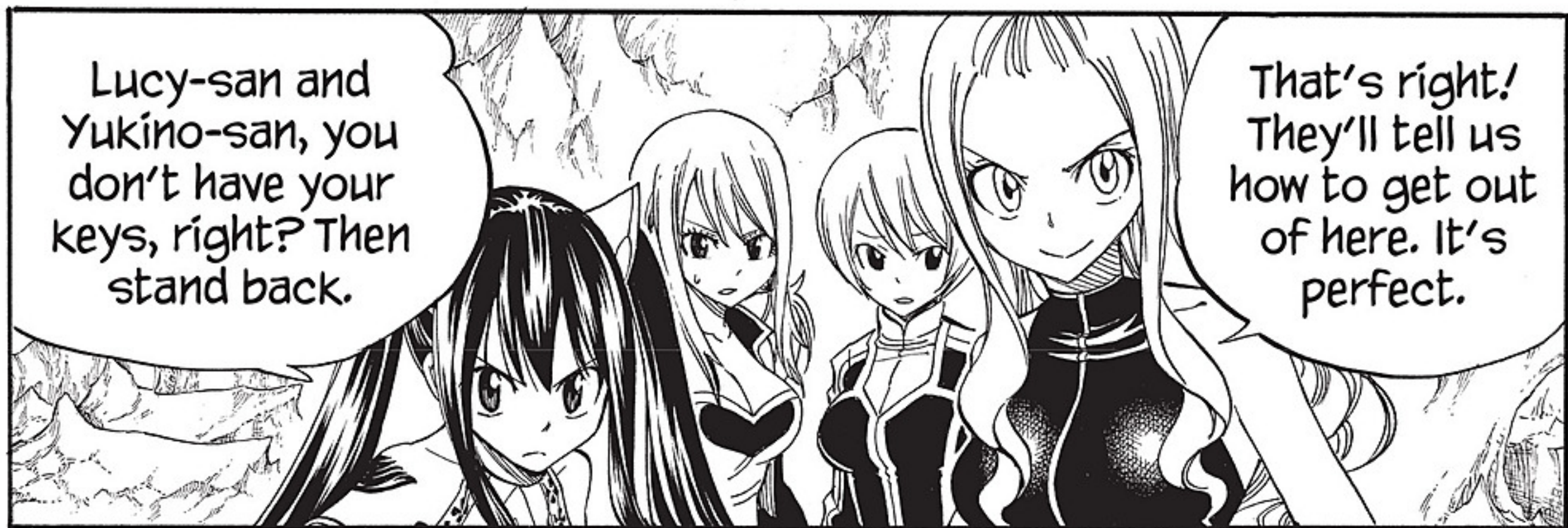
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 308: Fairy Tail vs. The Executioners

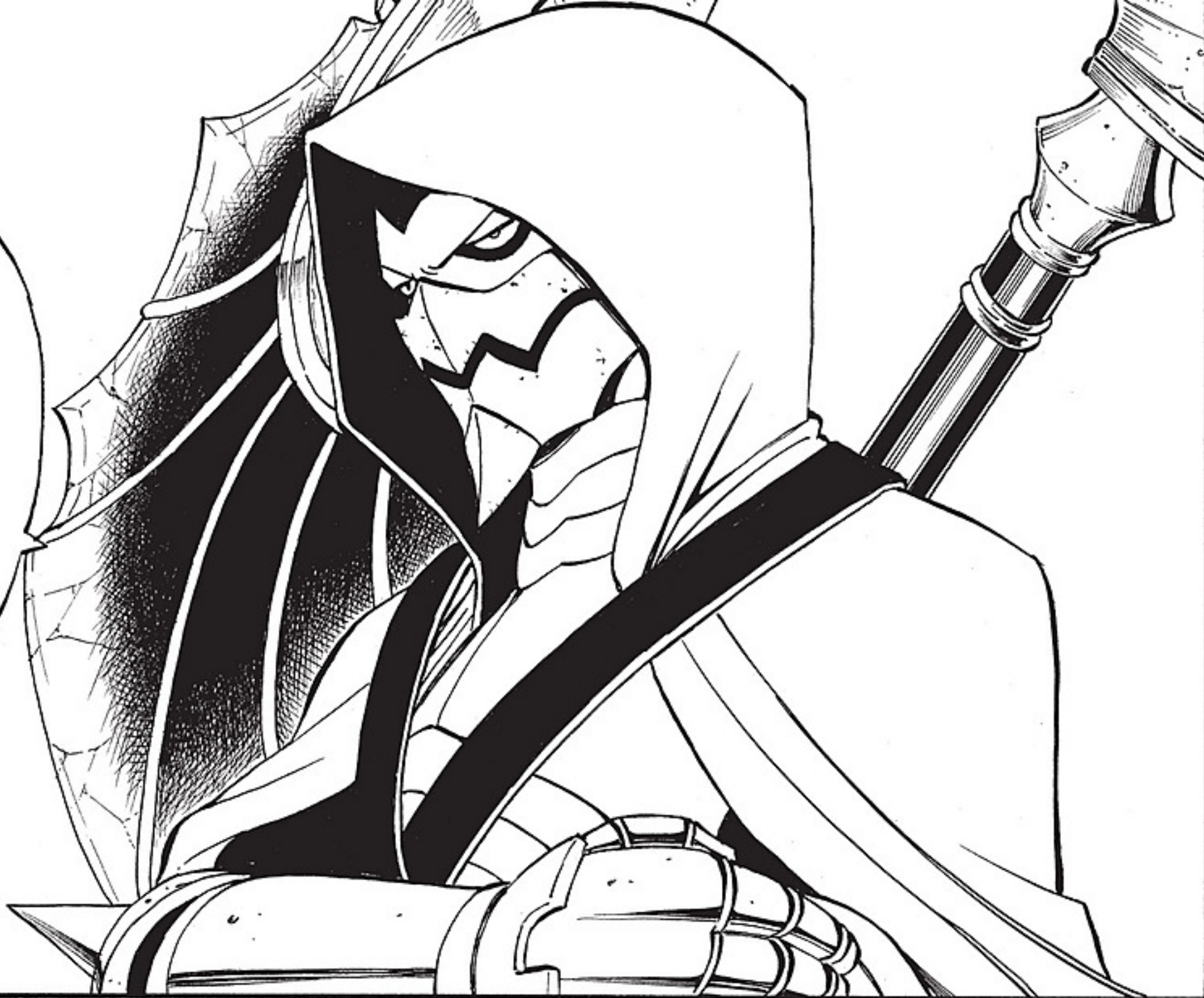








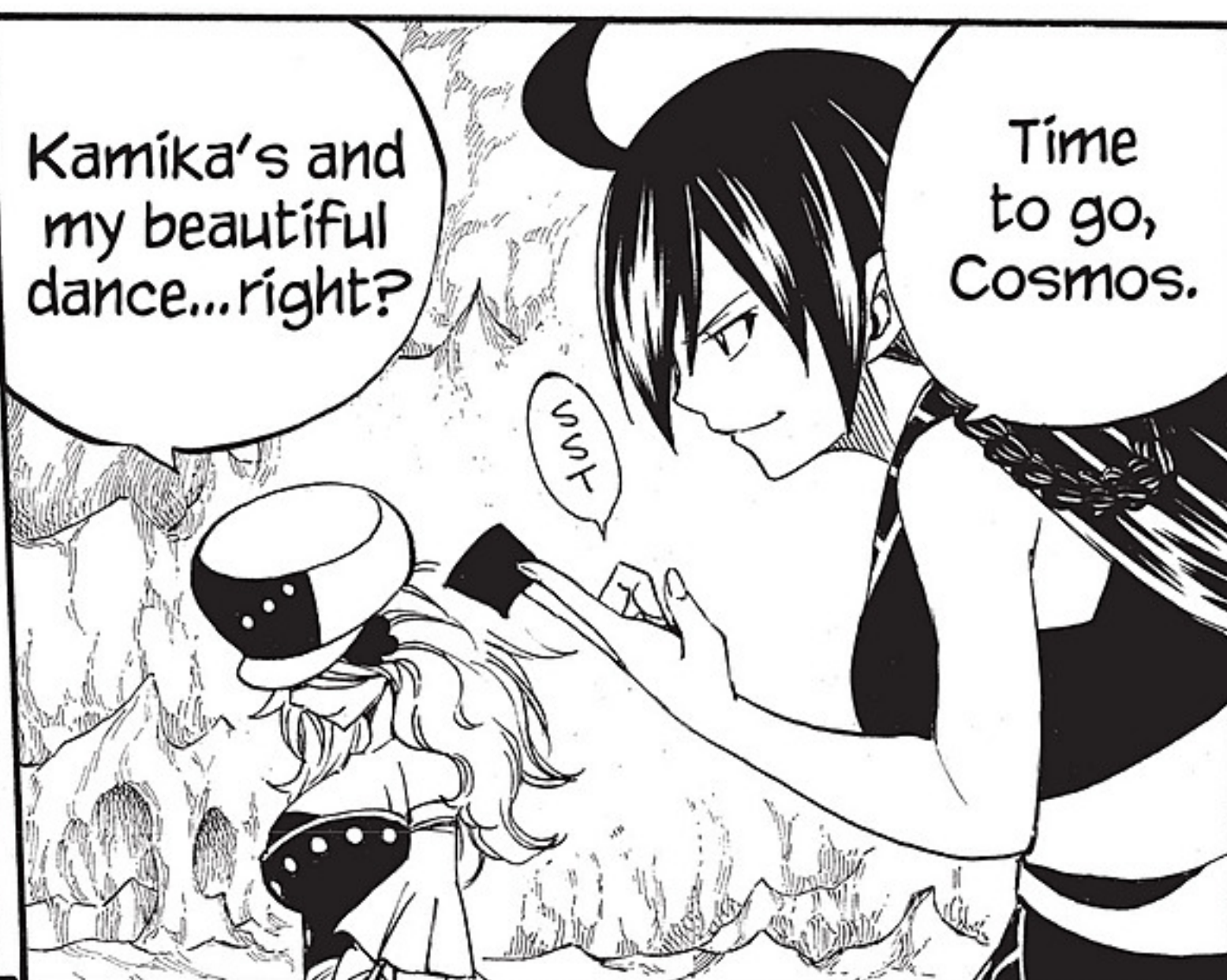
I will
return
you to
the soil
of Fiore!



7!!
FUU



Kamika's and
my beautiful
dance...right?



Time
to go,
Cosmos.

SST



...RED
DANCE
!!!!

FOOSH

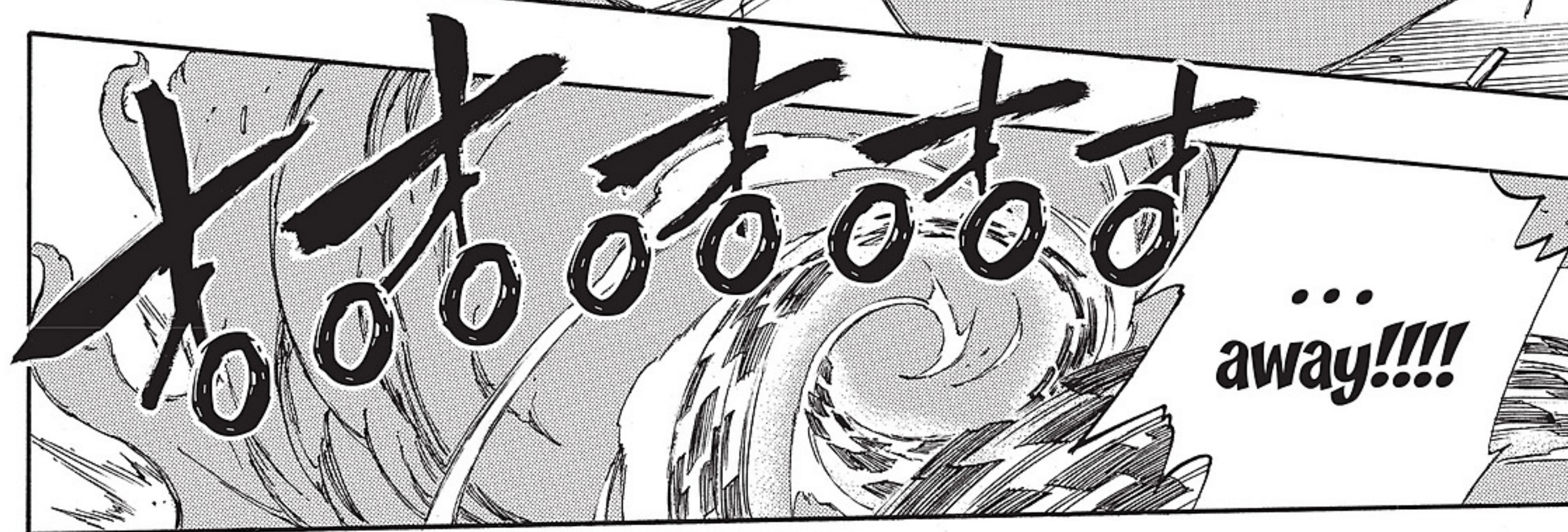
PAPER
STORM
...

FOOSH

FOOSH



I'll just
burn that
stuff...



...
away!!!!



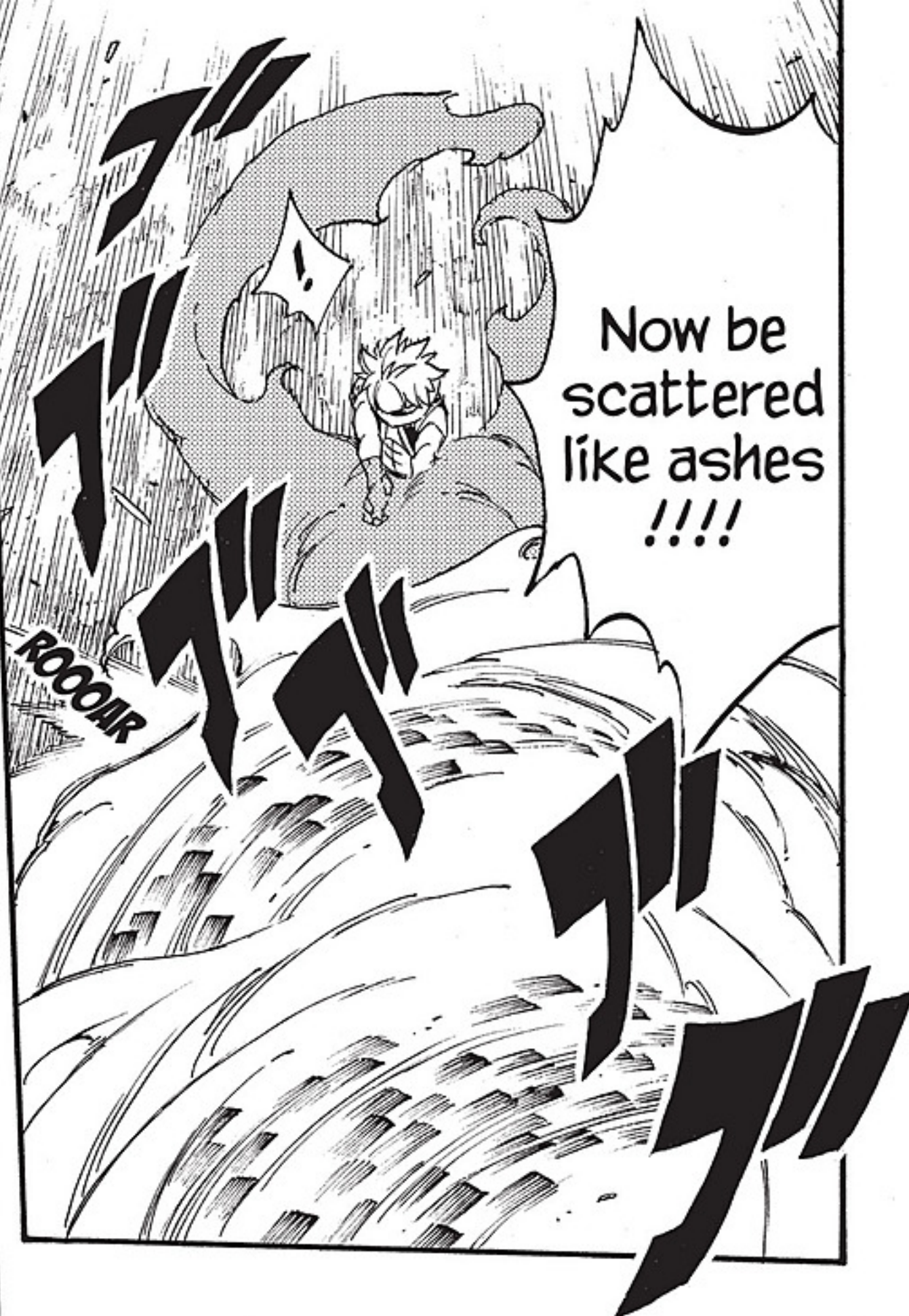
The red
paper is
the spirit
of flame!

It isn't
burn-
ing?

Huh?



TENRYŪ
NO
HÔKÔ*
!!!!



Now be
scattered
like ashes
!!!!



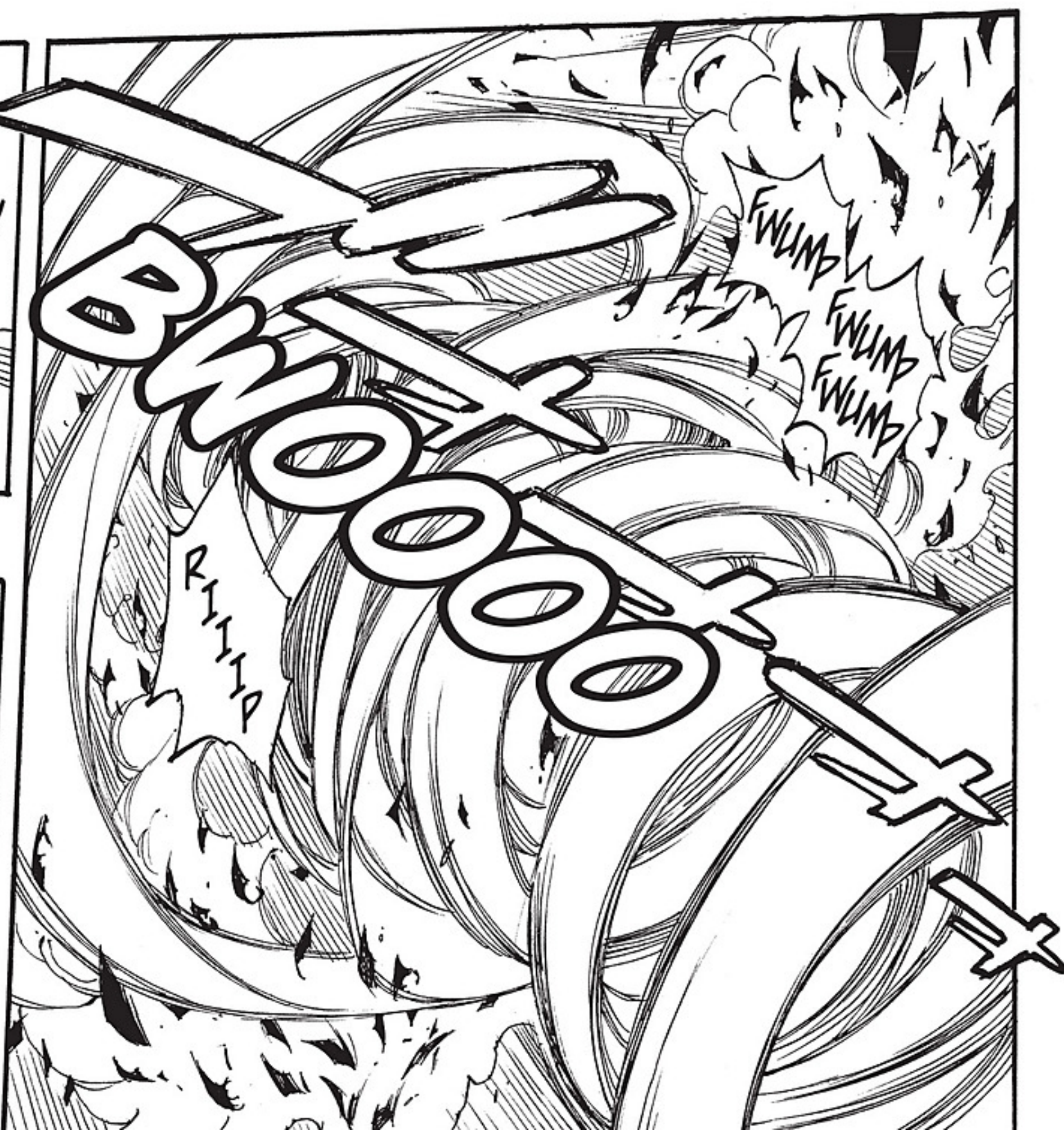
*Sky Dragon's Roar

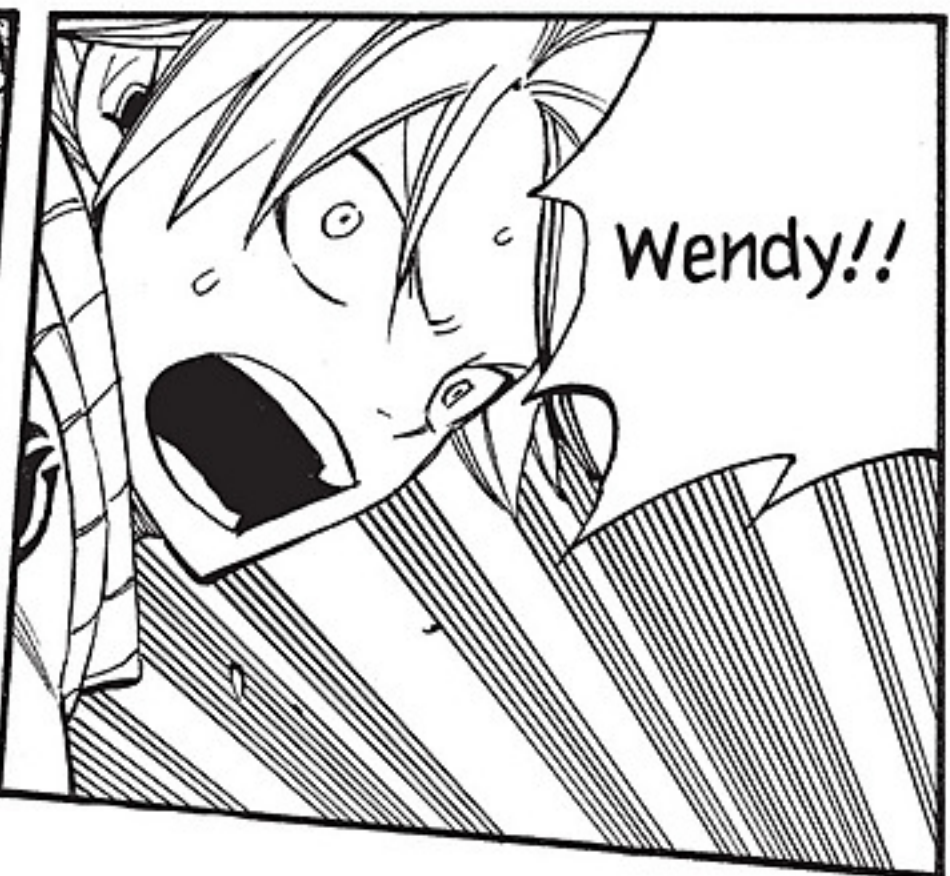
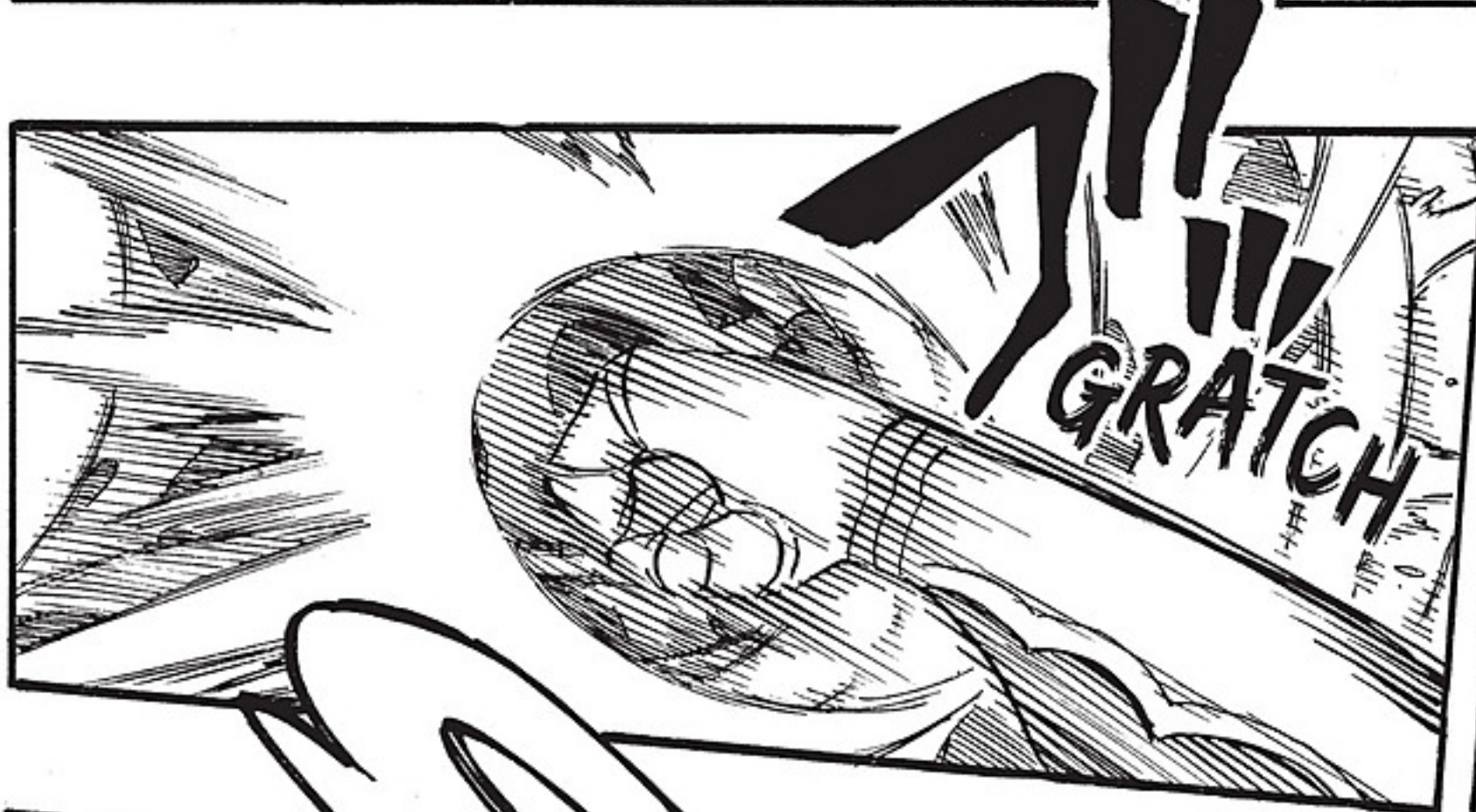


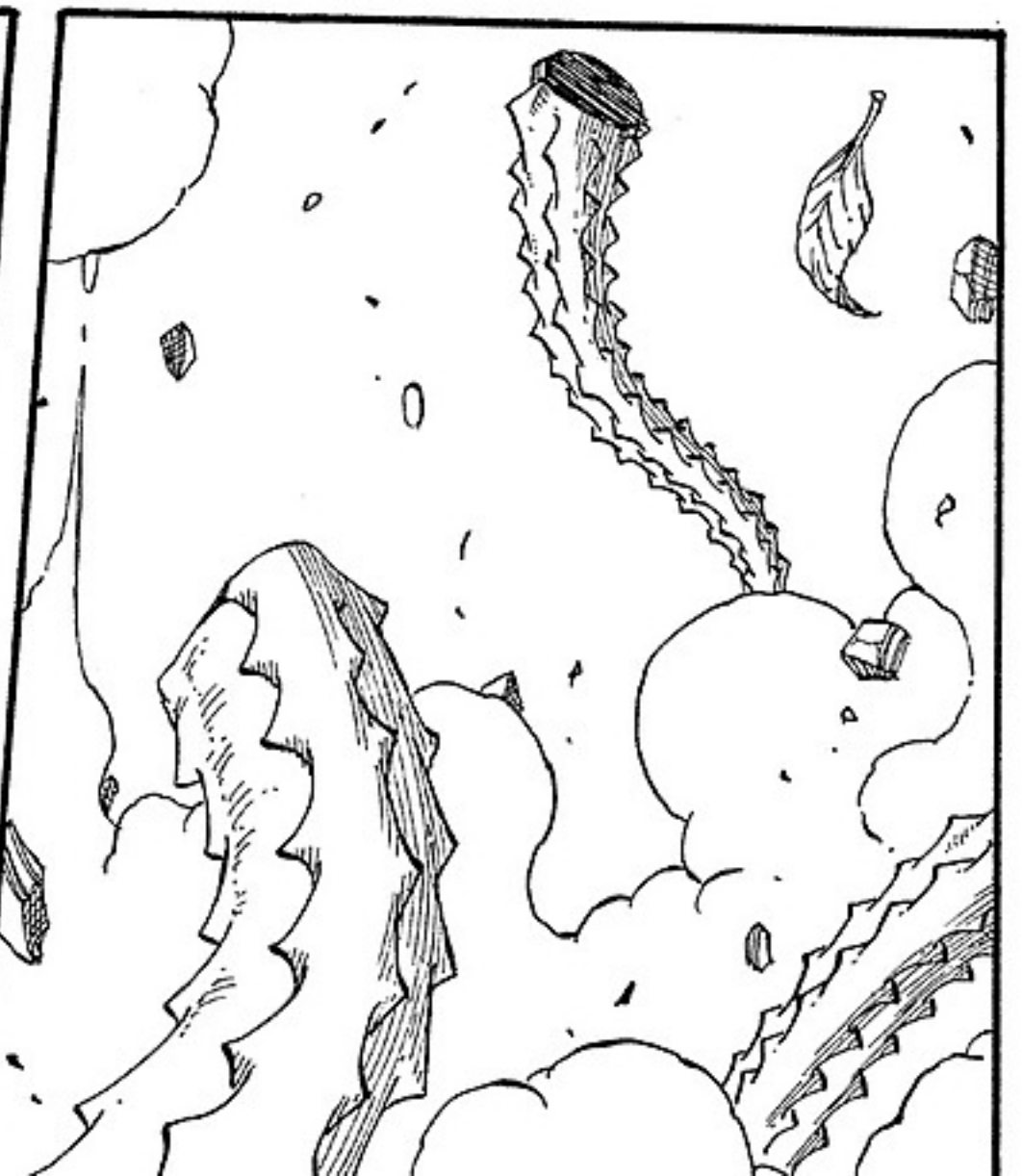
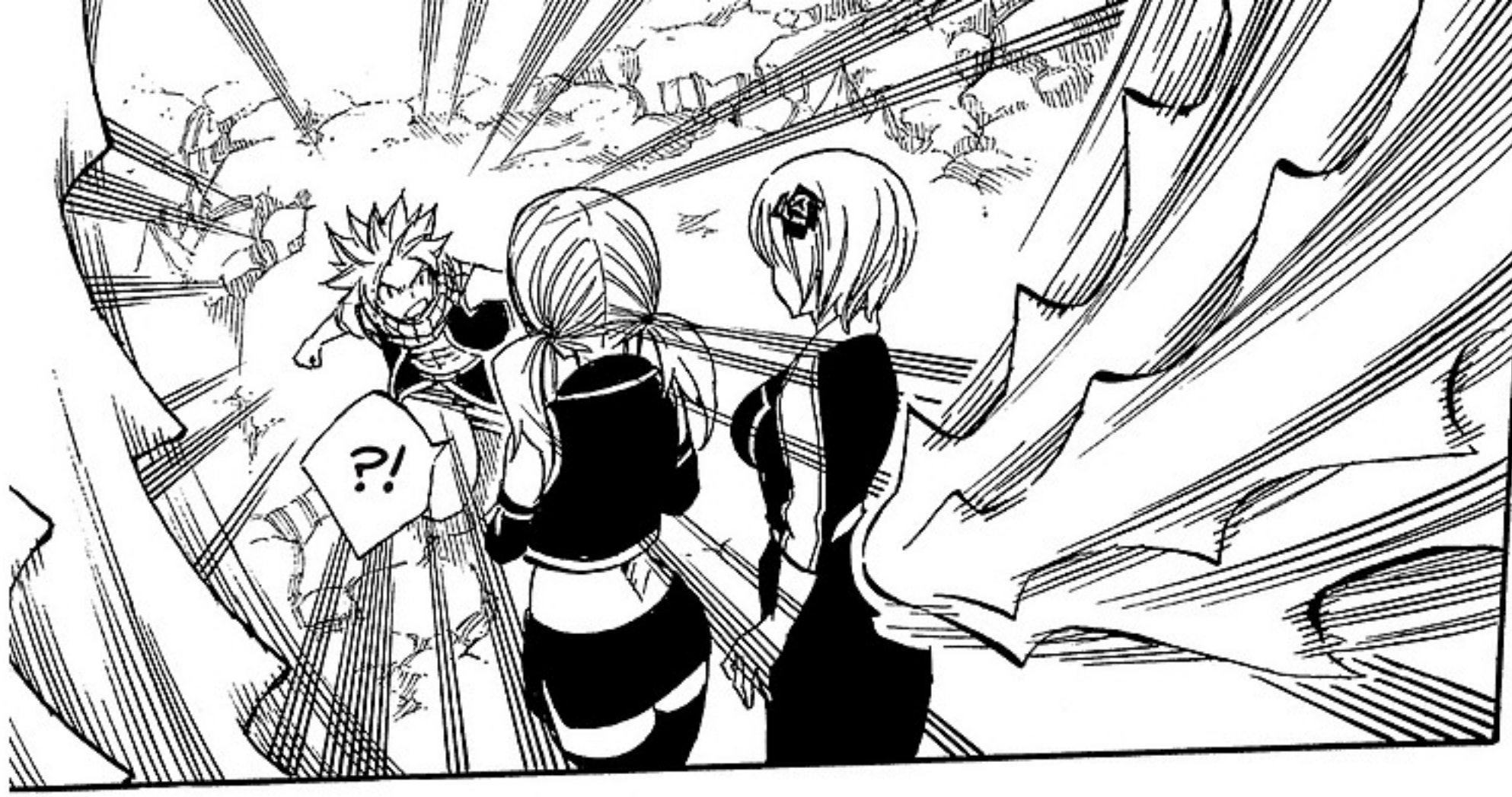
Nice,
Wendy!!

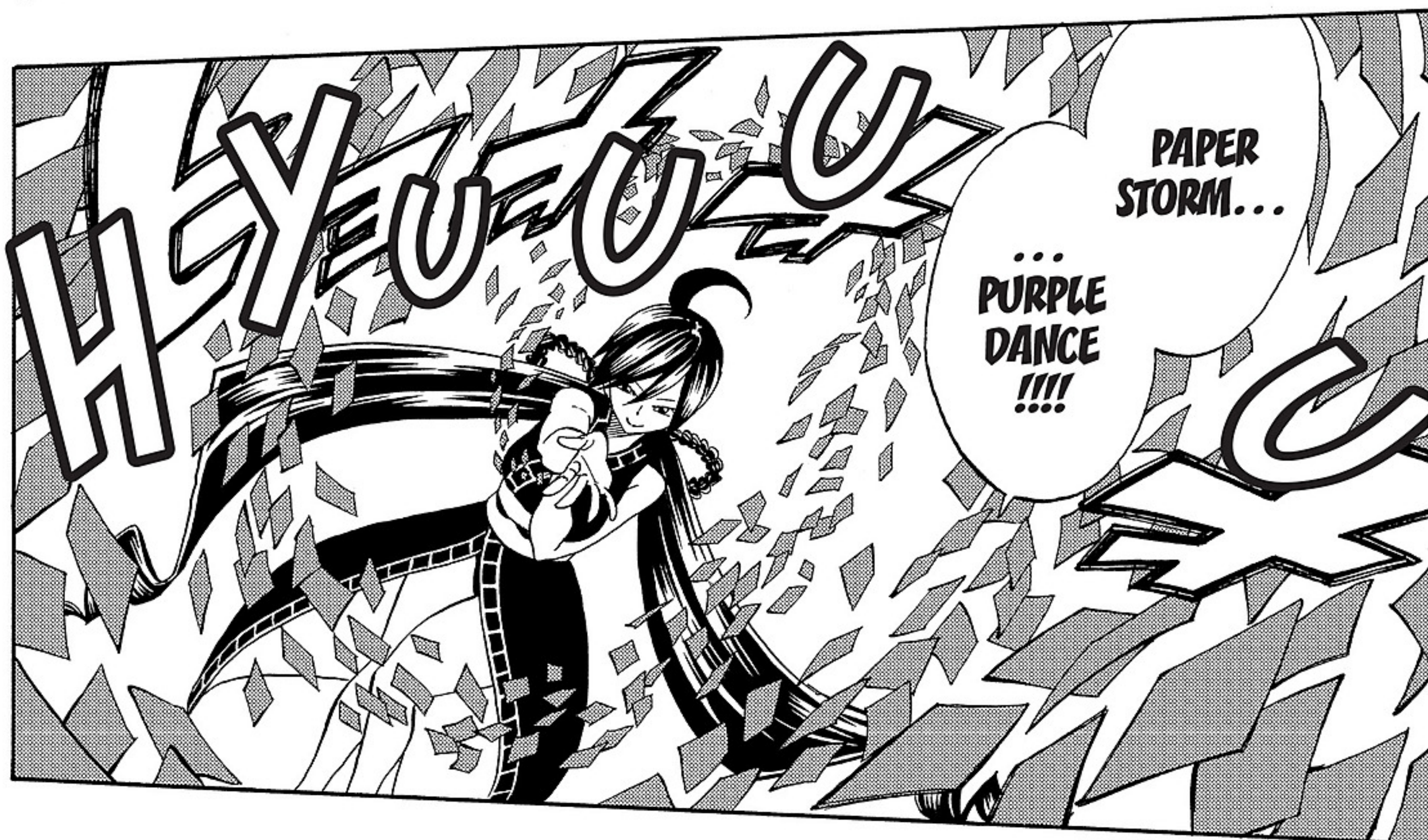
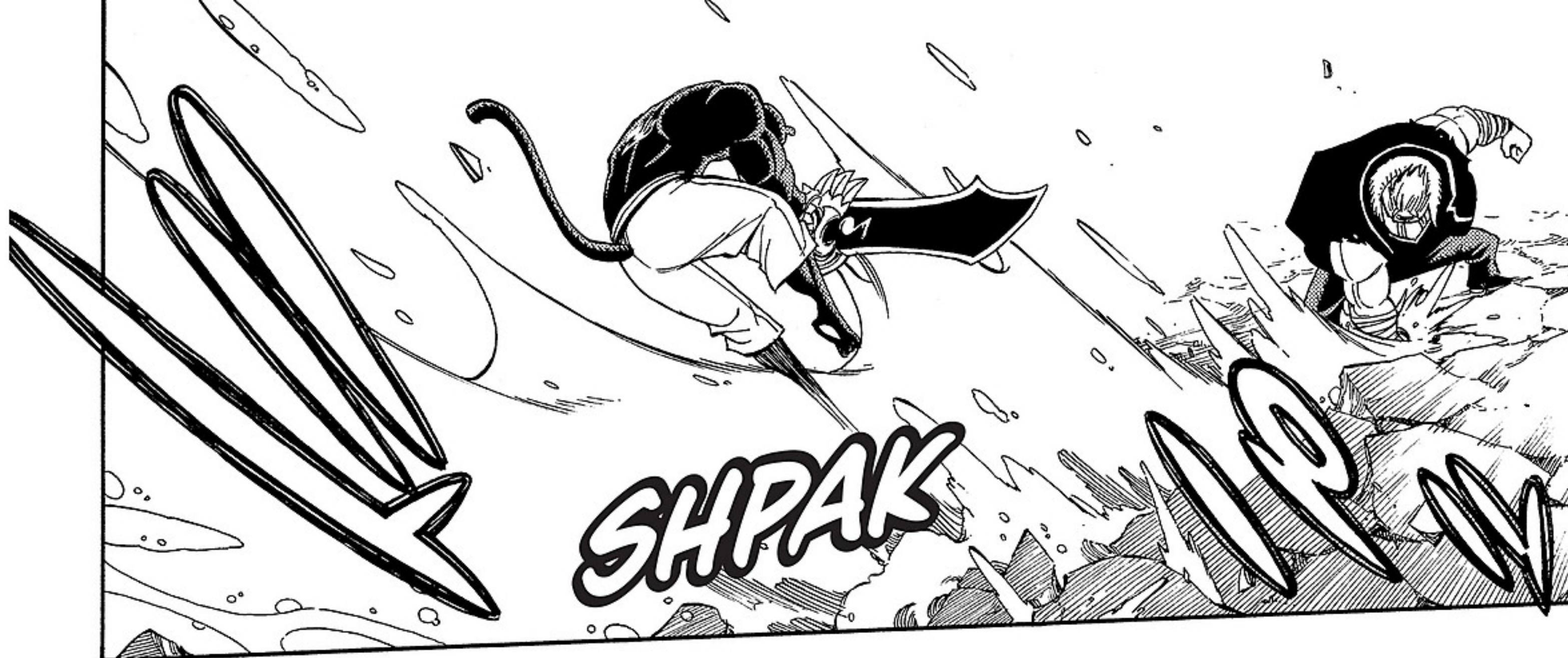


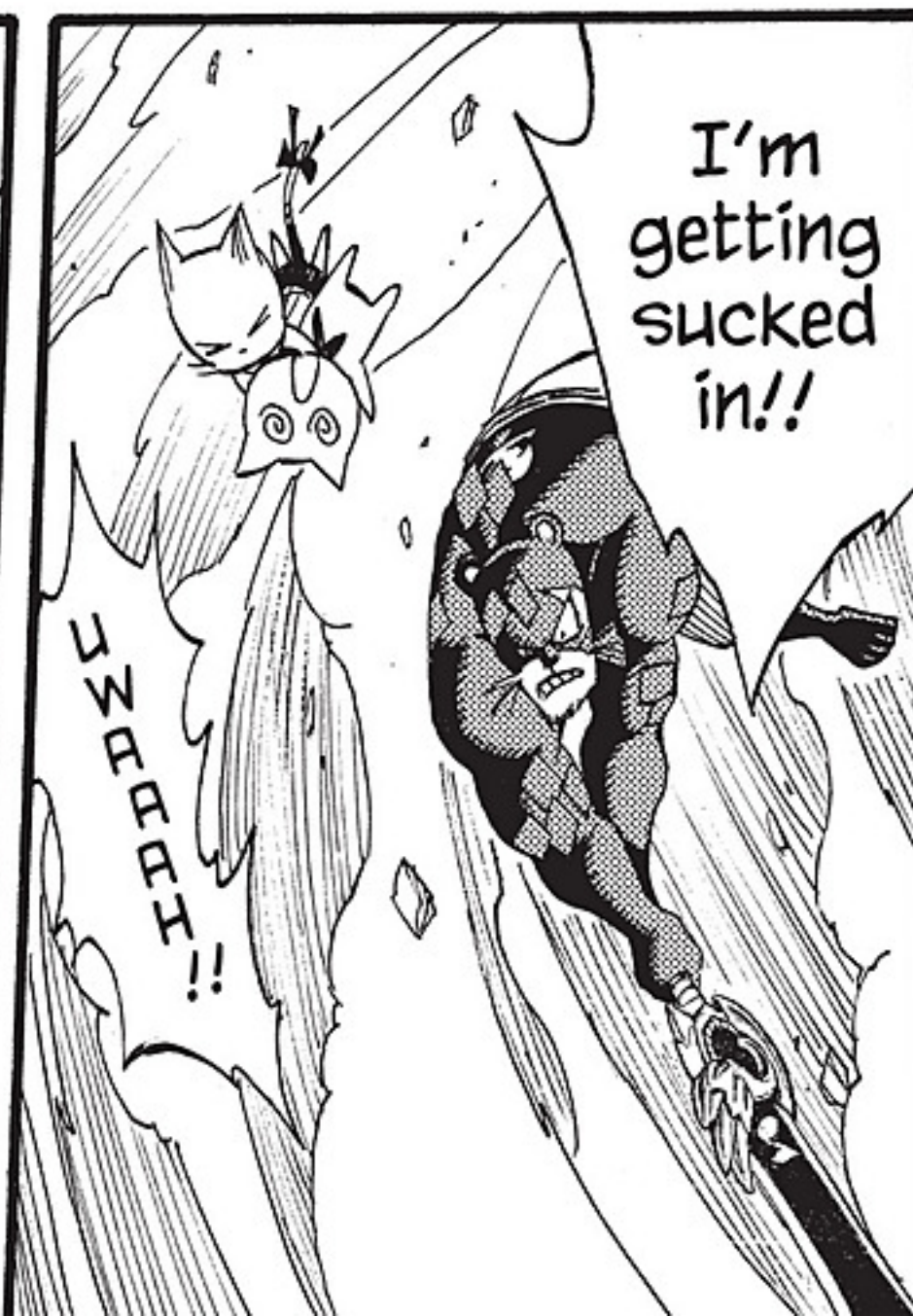
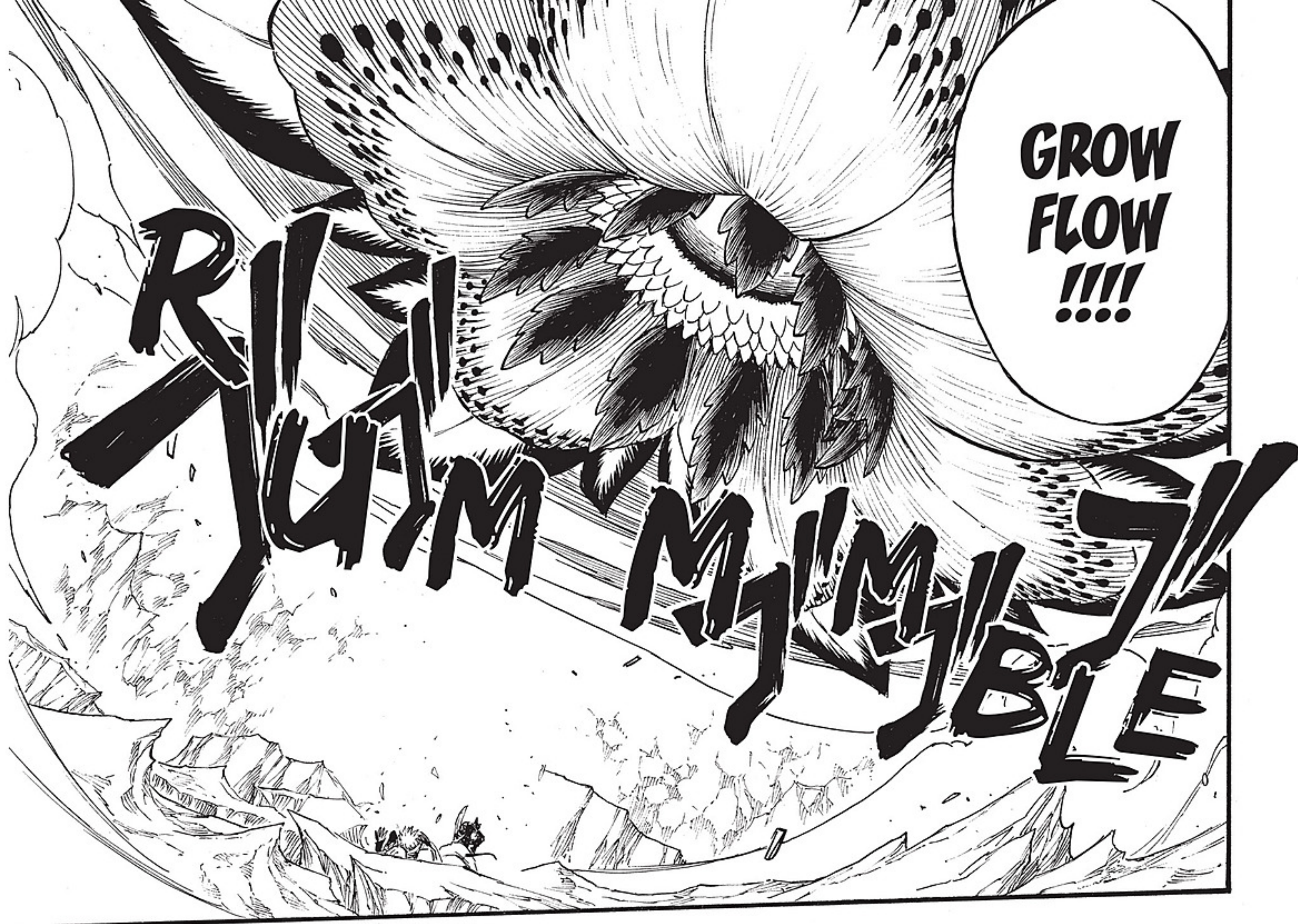
Pretty!













Break
it!!!!

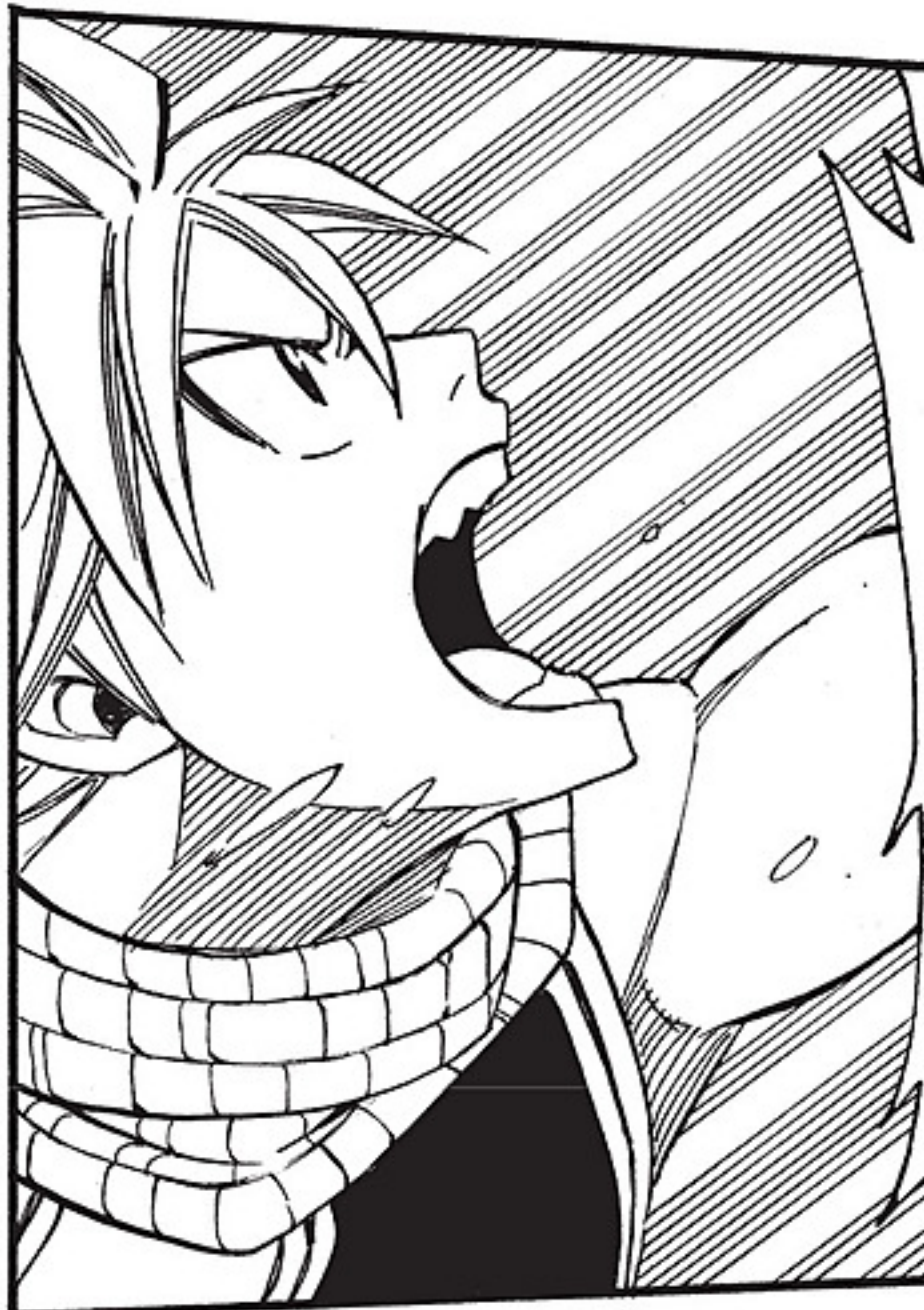


What'll
we
do?!!

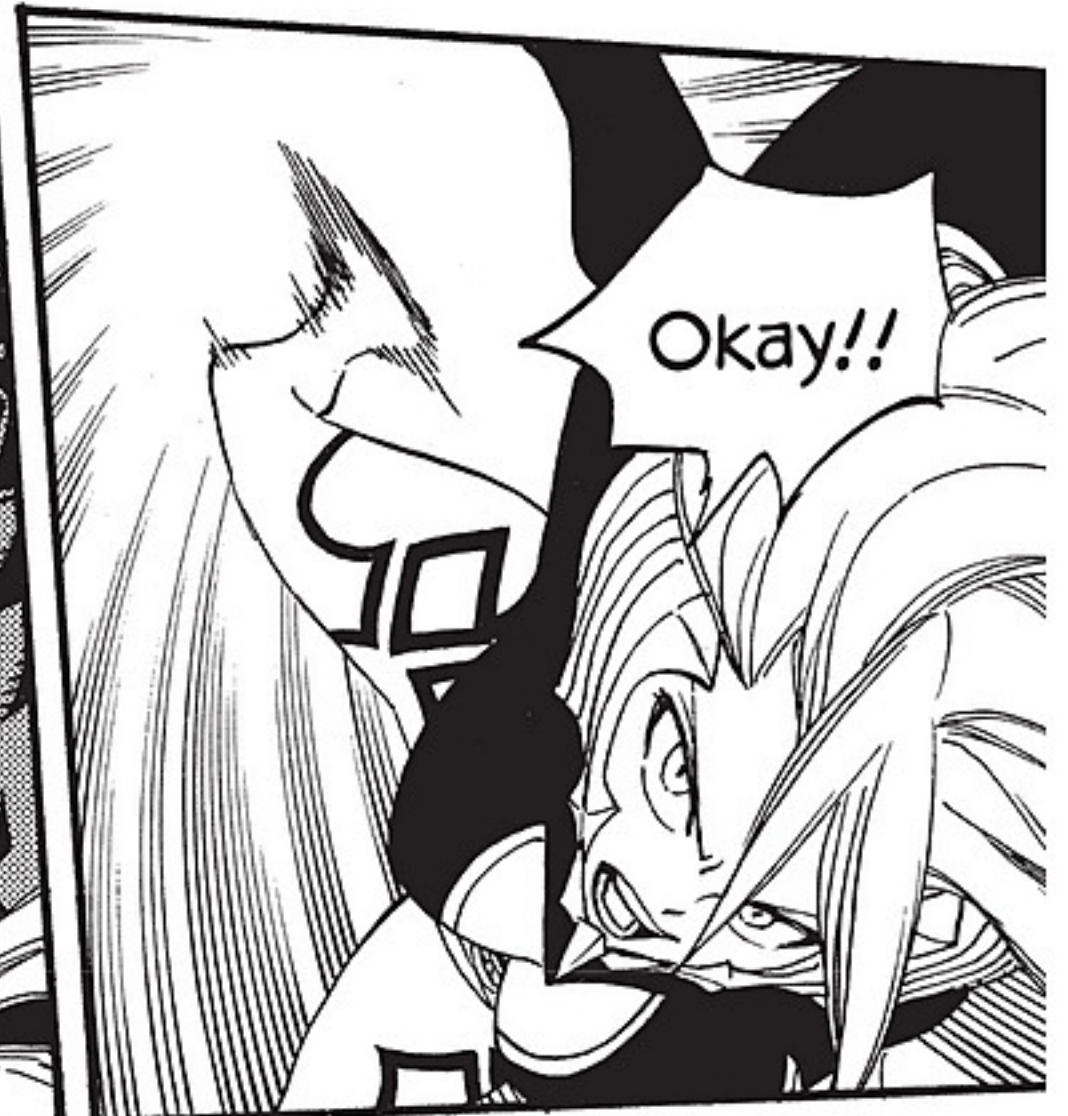


I can
move!!

But...
that!!



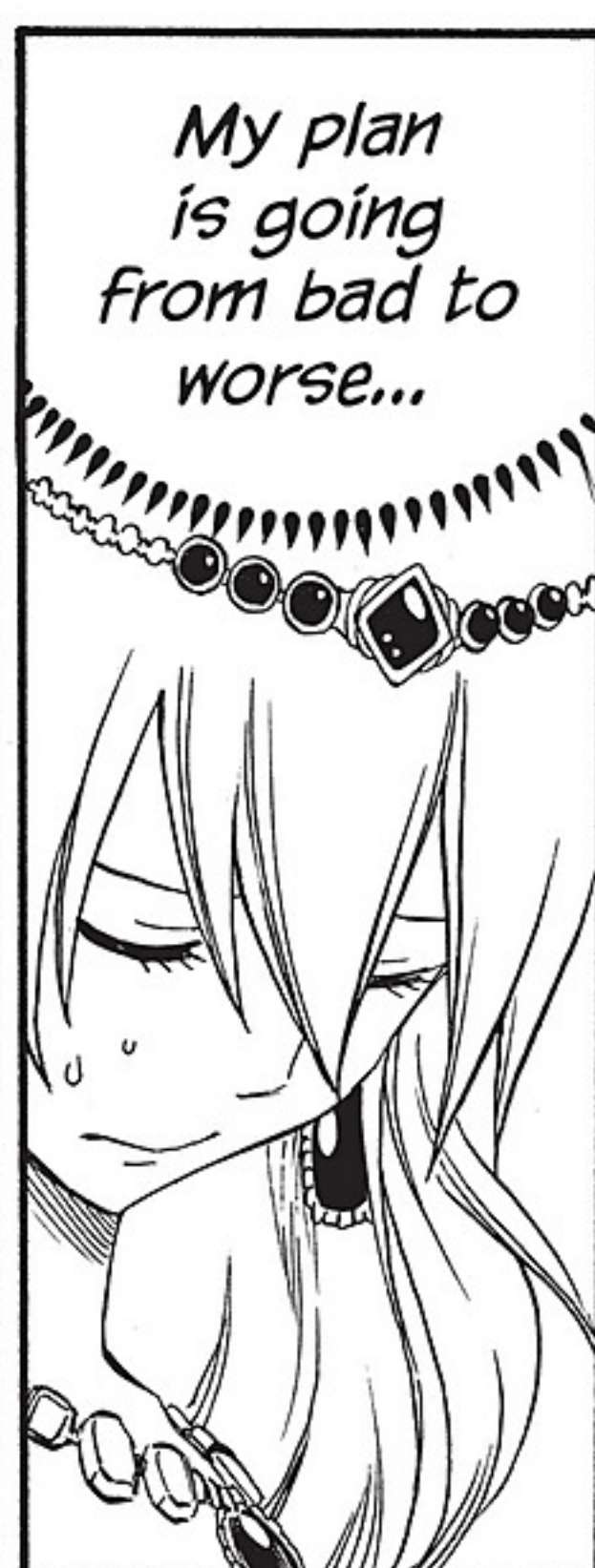
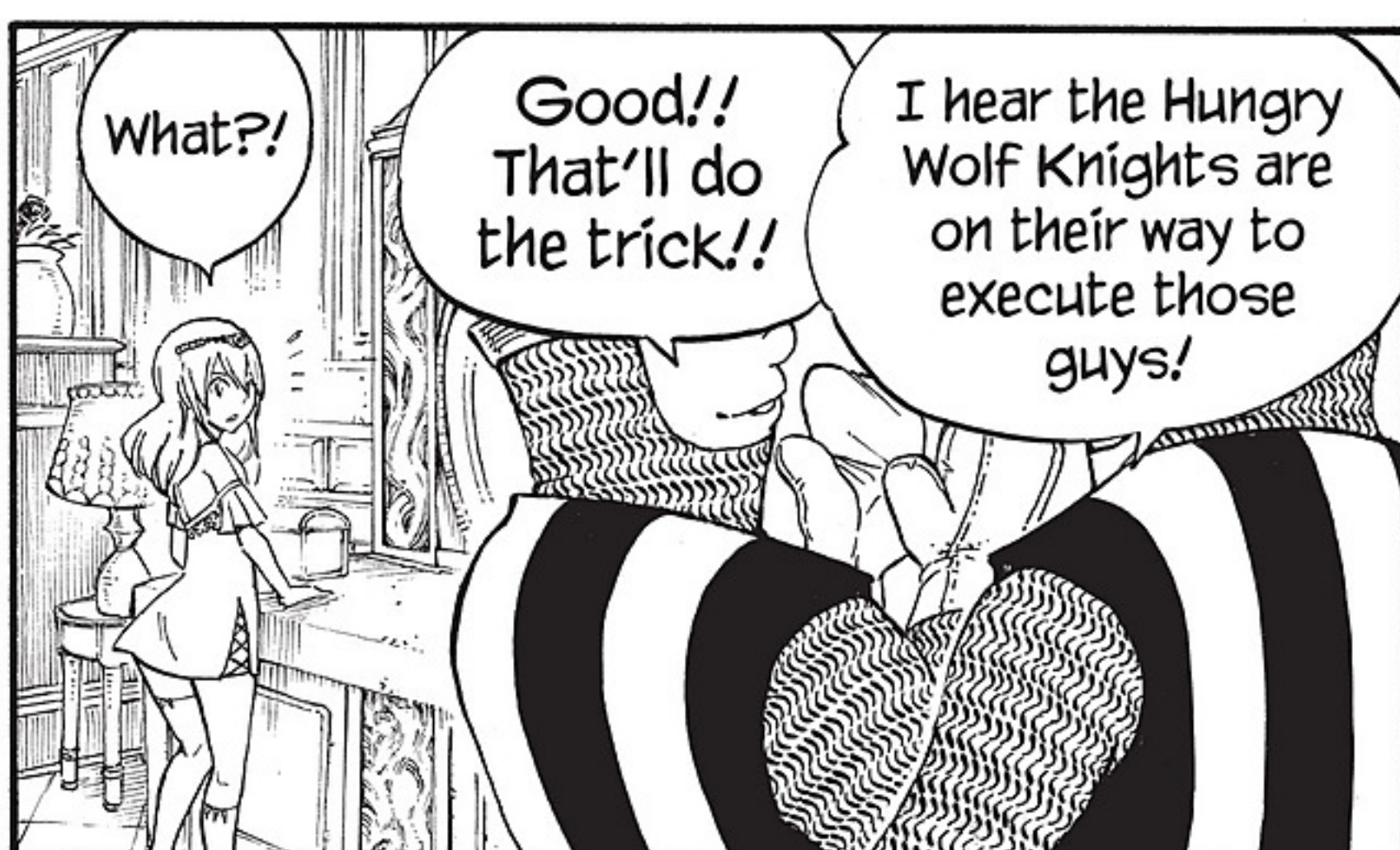
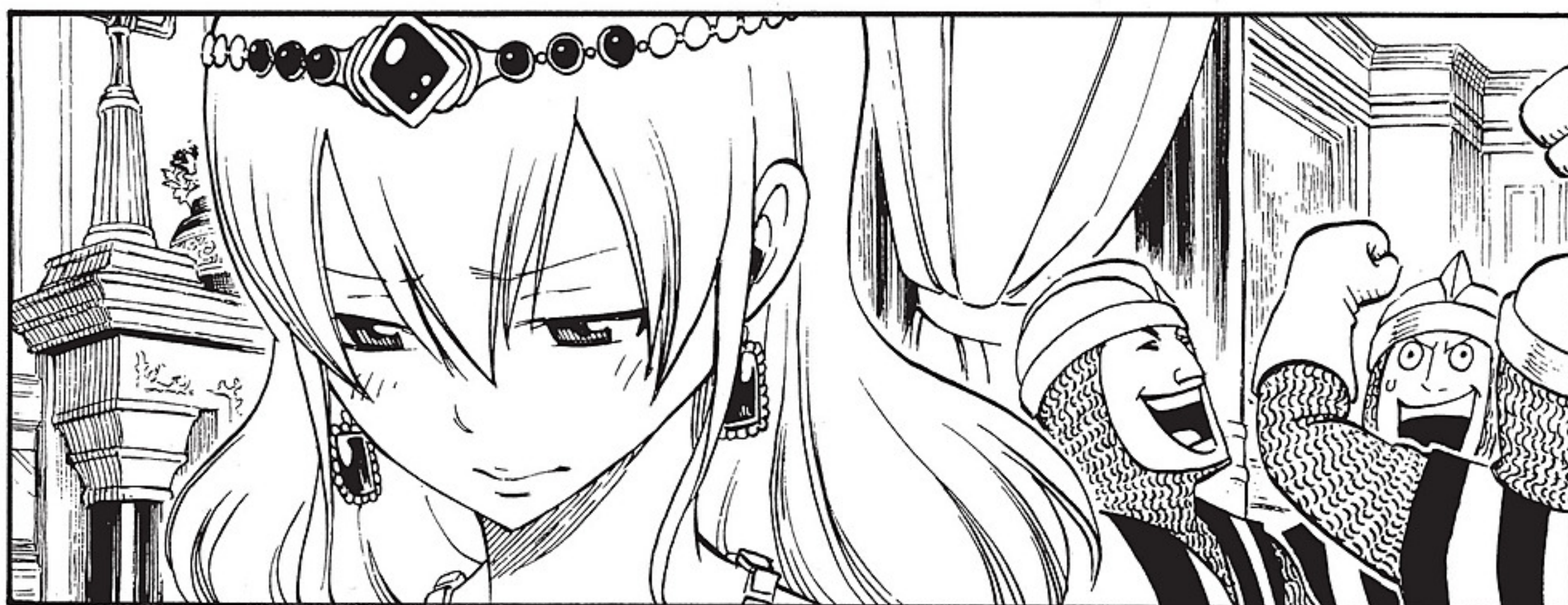
H
y
a
a
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h
h
!!



Okay!!







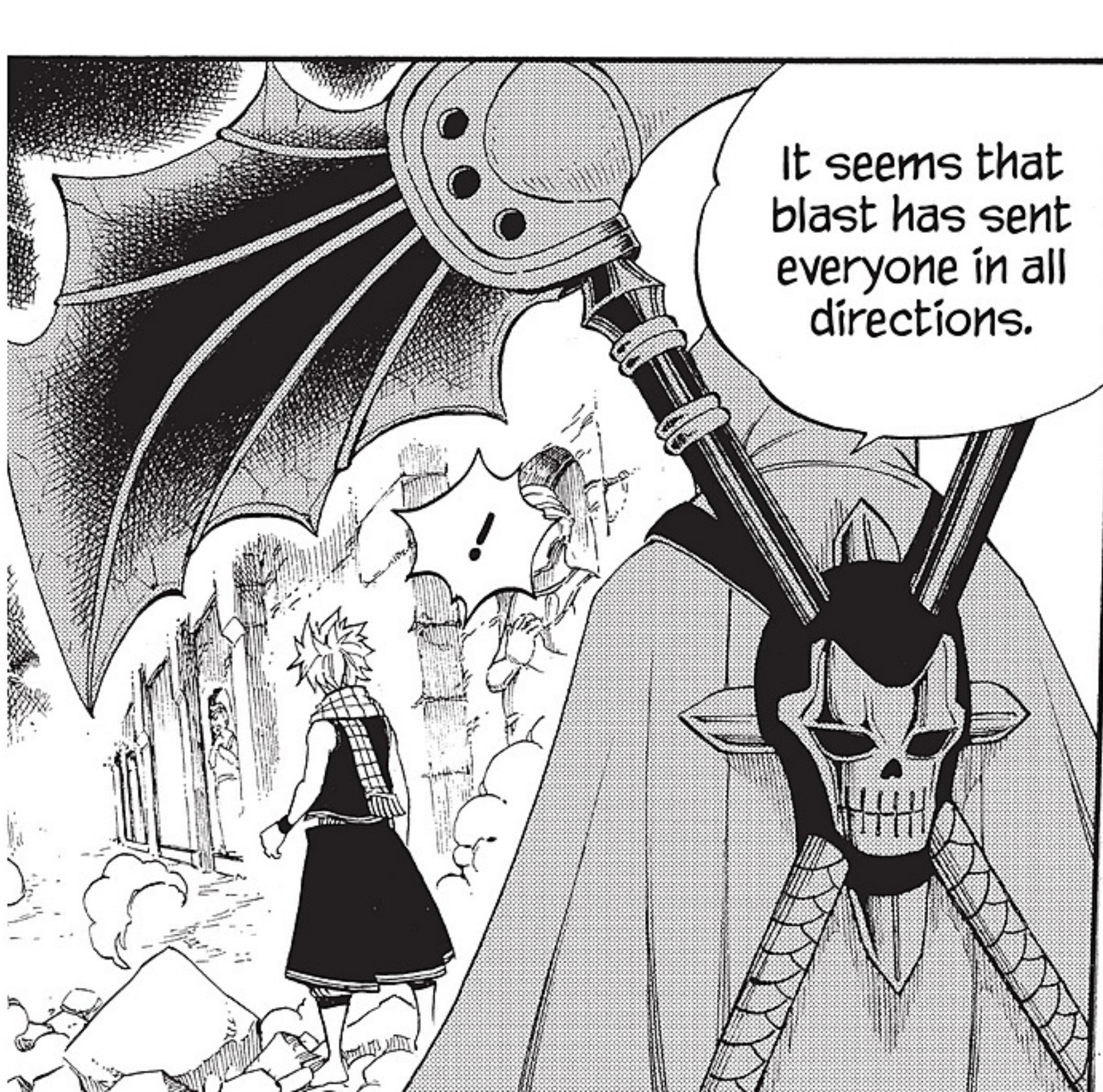


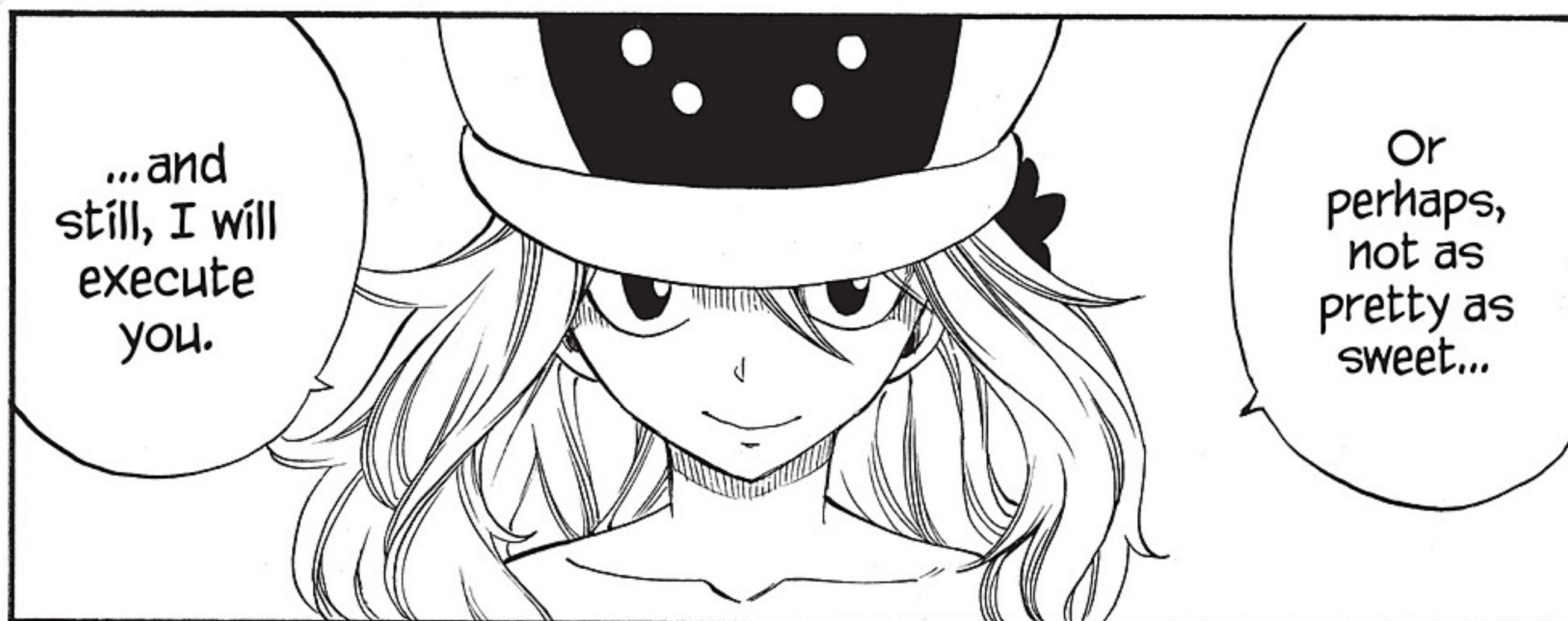
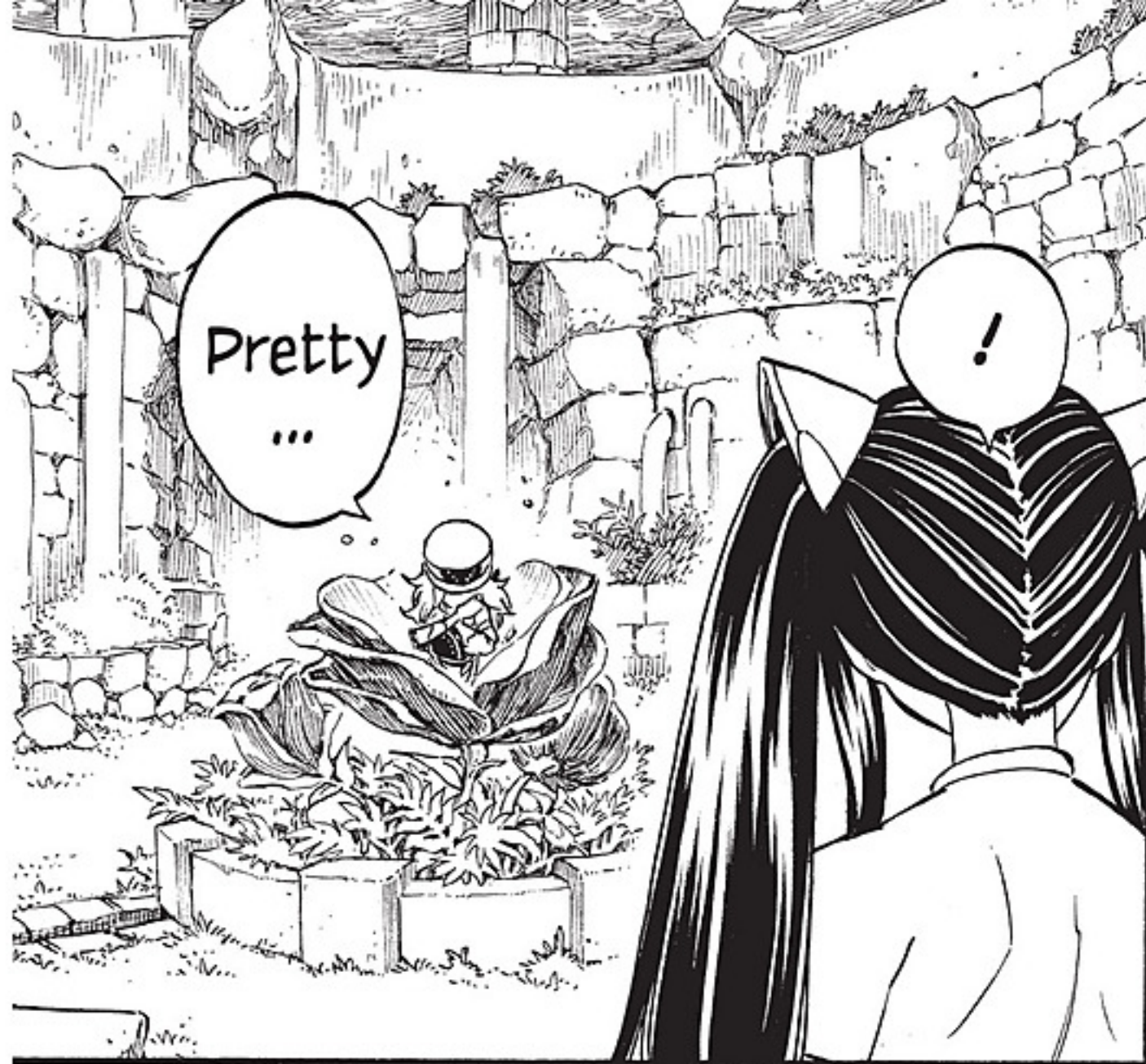
Therefore,
none of your
group will
come back
alive.

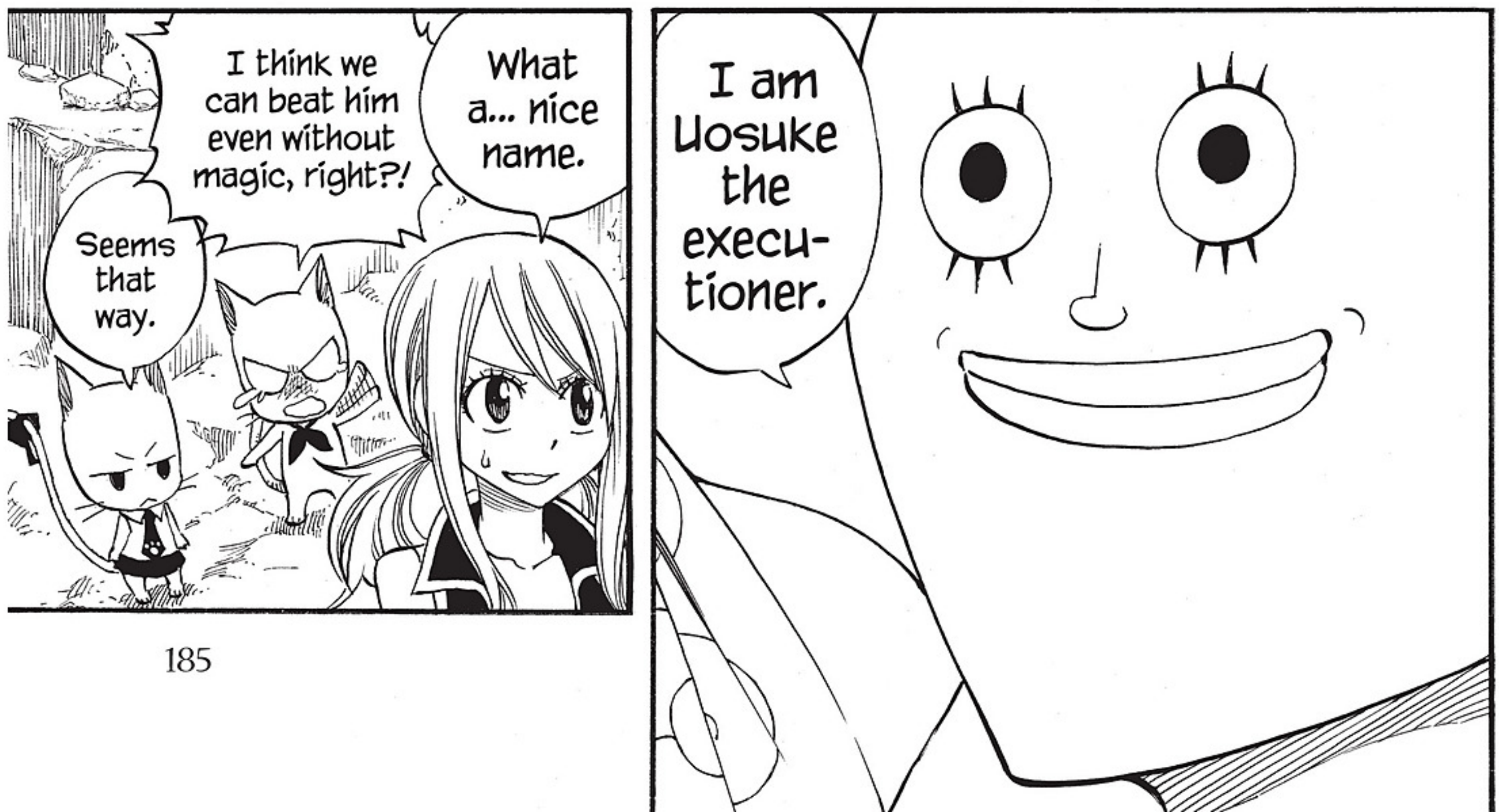
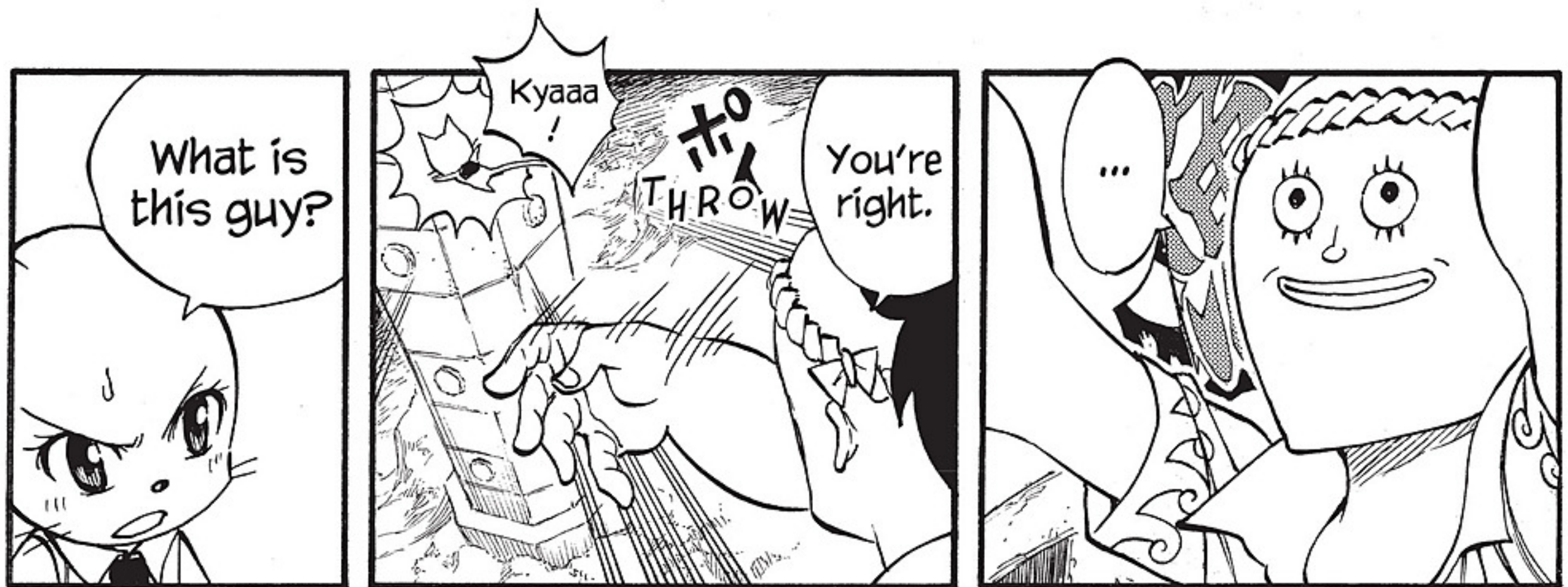
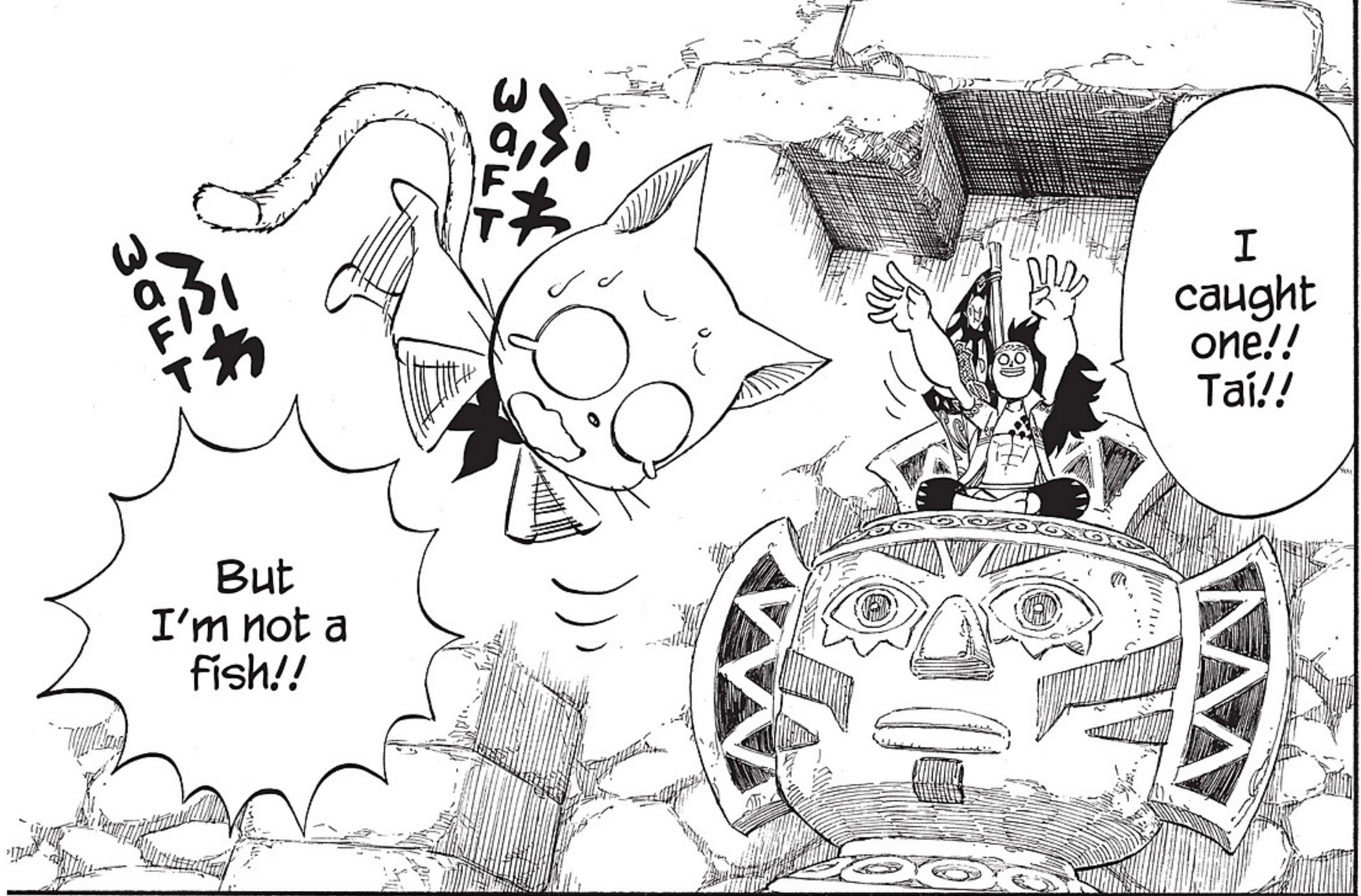
However, my
knights are
all excellent.

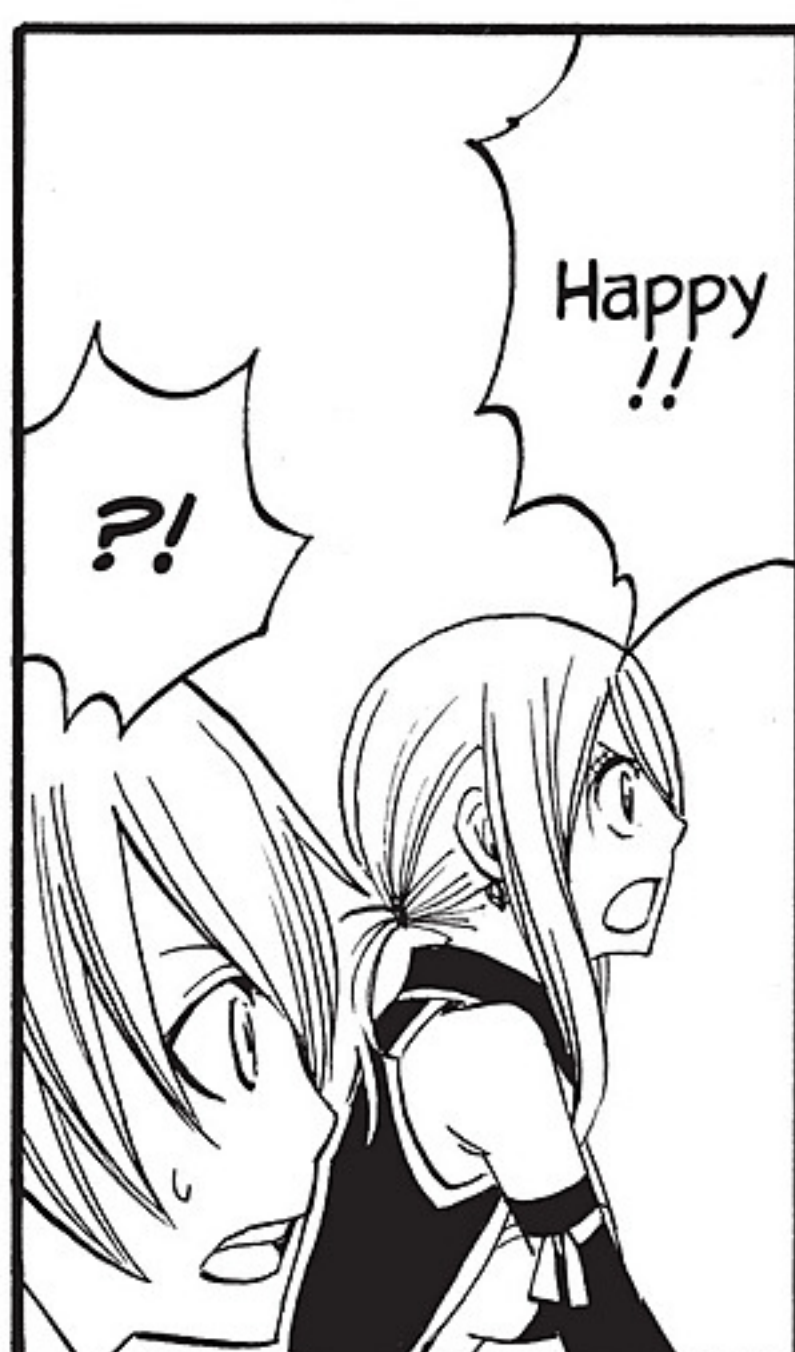
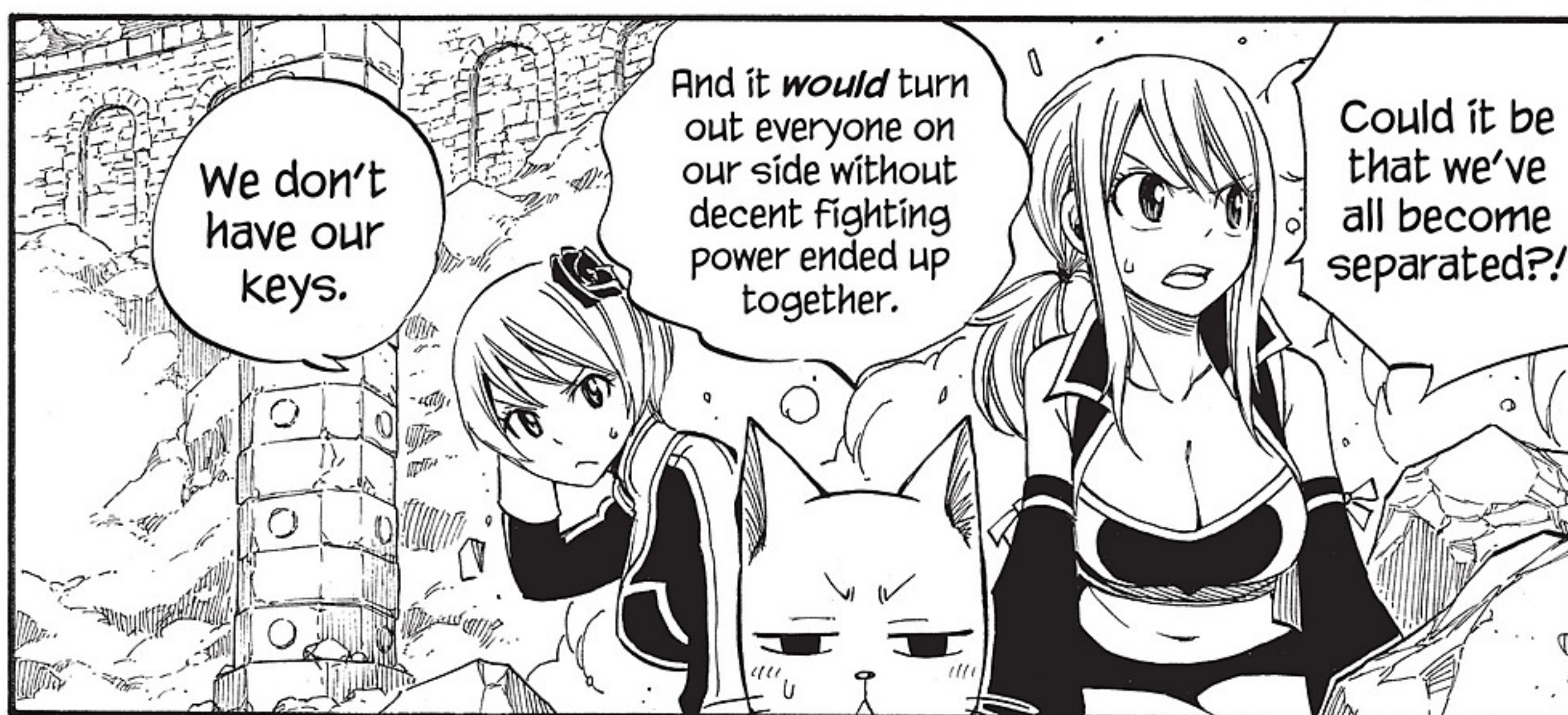


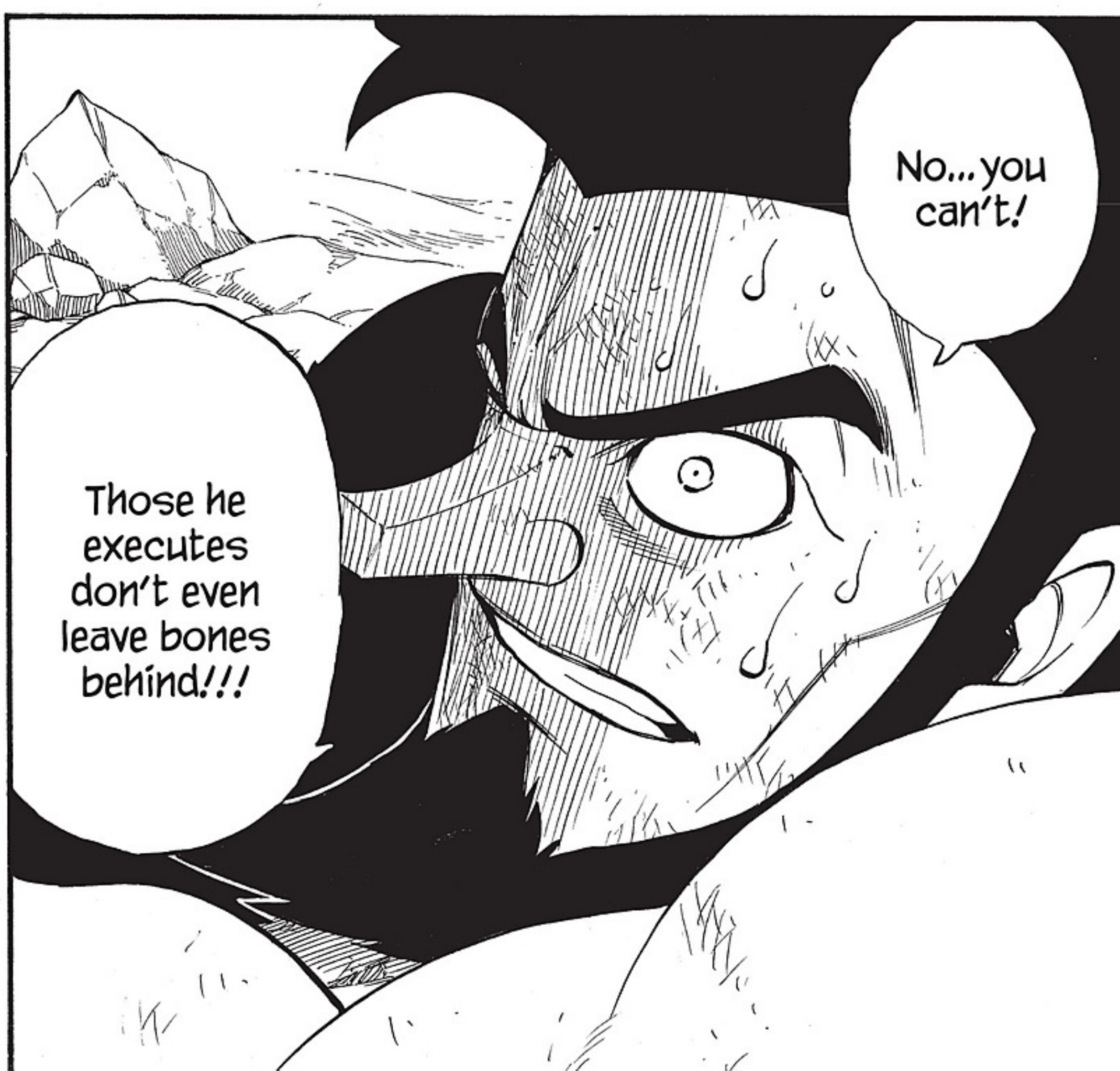
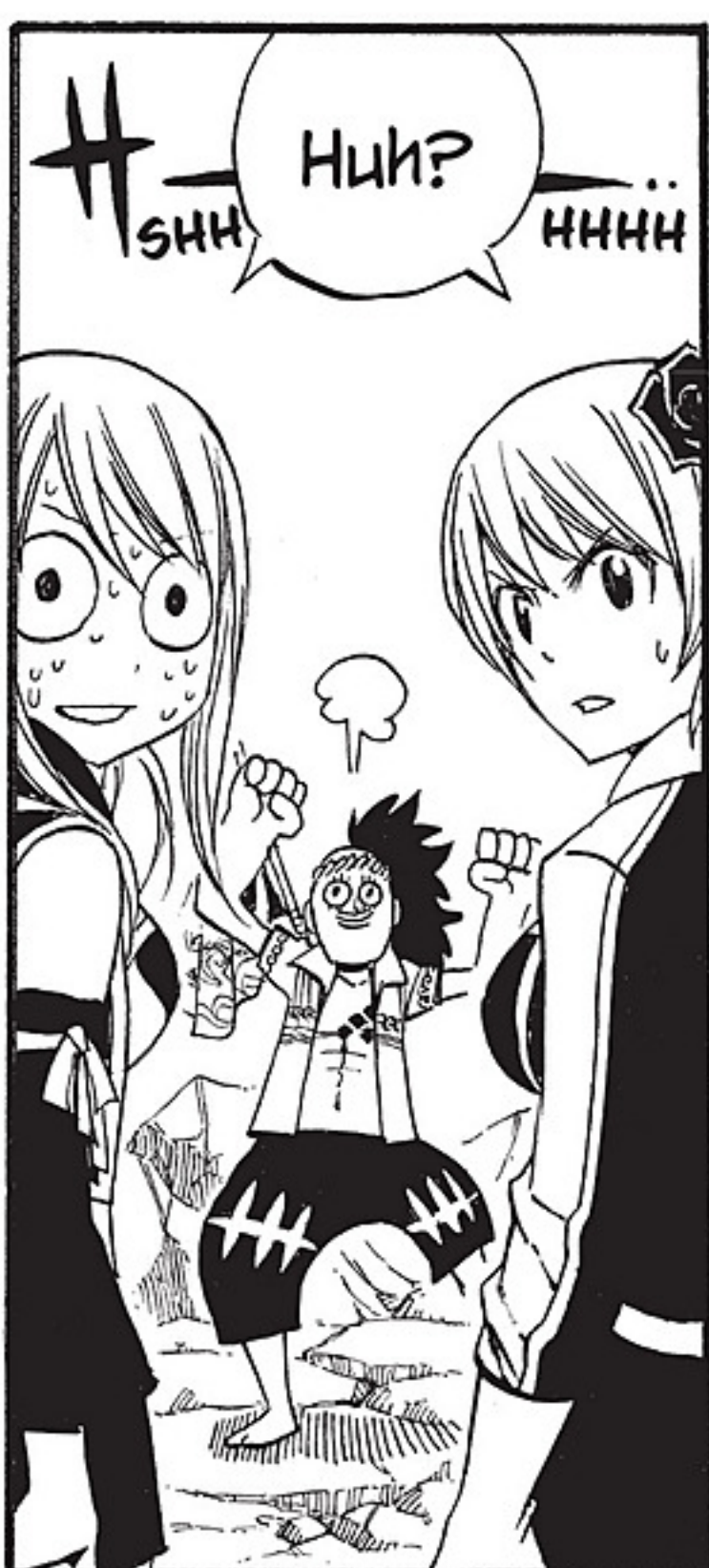
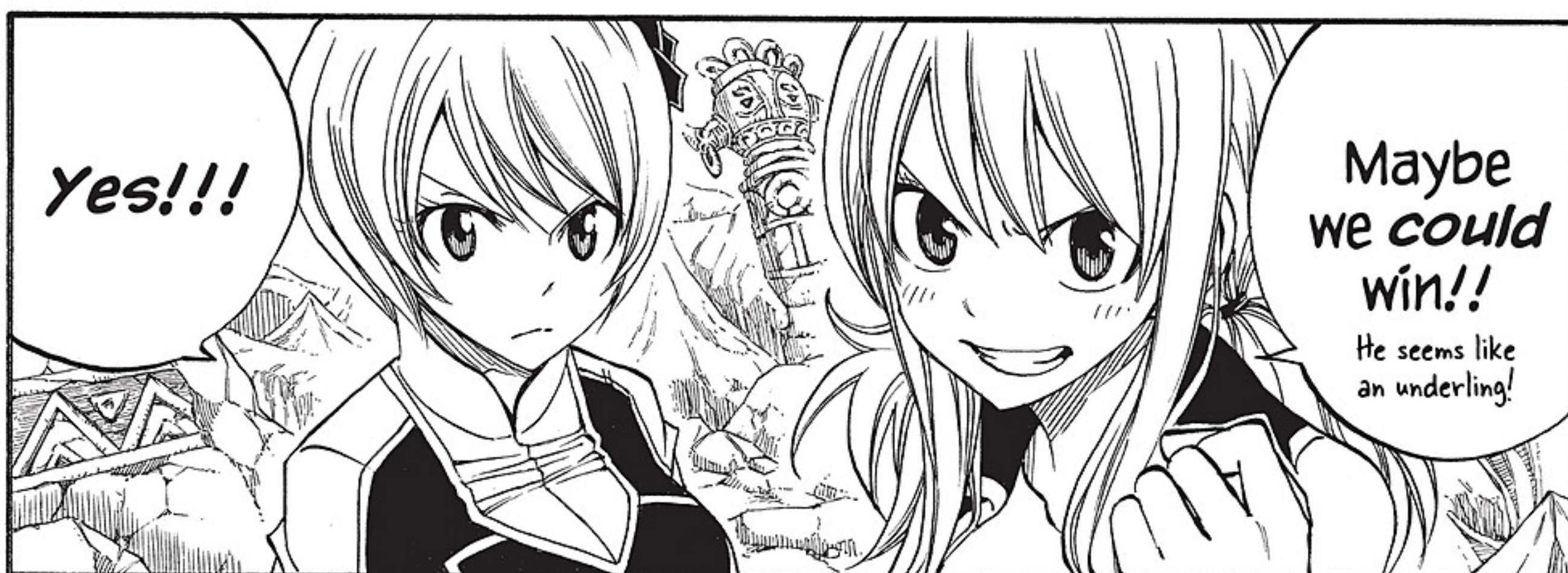
What's the
point in coming
here if I get
separated from
Lucy now?











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CONTINUED...

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Afterword

The DVD for Fairy Tail is out!! And for those Japanese customers who bought the Special Edition, maybe you've seen your DVD of the movie already? From the original planning stages through to when the movie opened, and now with the DVD, it's been a long series of firsts for me! And I have to say, it's been a lot of fun! Of course, since I had never experienced it before, there were a lot of times when I was confused or anxious, but I really think it turned into a wonderful motion picture!

The thing that was the hardest was the plans for the film, the story. Right from the first, I knew the movie was going to be an original story, so the whole thing started with a blank slate. I started trying to come up with a plot, and I was wracking my brains to think of what would make for a story that would keep an audience riveted. What would make them love the story? How could I move them emotionally? I try to do that every time with the manga, so it should be second nature, but with the pressure of a movie bearing down, I came up with and self-rejected plot line after plot line. And I honestly rewrote and rewrote the script. It was hard, but I learned a whole lot! I hope that if I ever get another chance, I can use this experience to come up with an even better movie. I...hope I get another chance, huh?

Finally, as a special bonus for the DVD, "Hajimari no Asa" ("The Morning When It All Started") is something for people who have seen the movie. But if you watch it both before and after the movie, I think you'll discover something new.

とくニついにFTの謎をかいぬけよ! EMERGENCY REQUEST! EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FT.

At a bar in Crocus...

Mira: This time, we've passed the 301st chapter!!

Lucy: Yaaay!! Wait, didn't we do a joke like that last time?

Mira: Let's start off with the first question.

Lucy: Yep, I'm completely ignored again.

Whenever Natsu fights, his clothes wind up a real mess. So why does his scarf always remain undamaged?



Mira: Well, if you want to talk about that, we could also talk about Lucy's under gar—

Lucy: Don't say that!!!

Mira: It really is an odd phenomenon.

Lucy: It probably has something to do with what the scarf is made of.

Mira: Come to think of it, I heard that he received that scarf directly from Igneel.

Lucy: So they're Igneel's scales?

Mira: But isn't Igneel a red dragon?

Lucy: Then I guess a white scarf would be strange.

Mira: Well, I suppose this will be answered eventually. But then again, it might not. So let's just leave it alone.

Lucy: What's the point of having a question come at all?!

Between Erza's Armadura Fairy and Purgatory Armor, which one is the strongest?



Mira: I imagine Armadura Fairy.

Lucy: The Purgatory Armor was broken so quickly, it didn't leave a good impression, huh?

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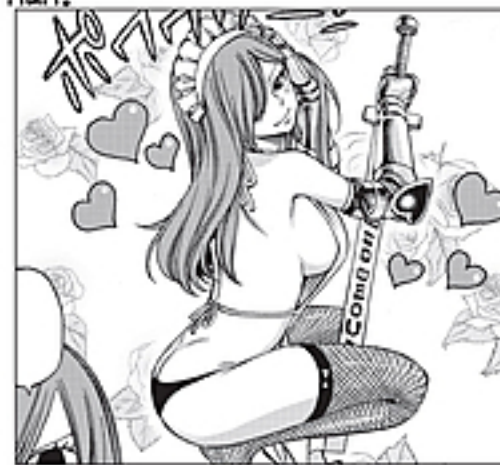
Mira: But really, isn't the Armadura Fairy much more scary?

Lucy: Mira-san, when you say that...

Mira: Yes. That's the impression I got when I used to fight her.

Lucy: That doesn't sound like something to say while you're grinning.

Mira: But I think the very strongest is the "Seduction Armor," huh?



Lucy: I don't think that can be considered armor.

Mira: Next question.

I get the feeling that everyone seems to have just a few too many minor costume changes.



Lucy: "Minor"...?

Mira: Well the author *does* get bored easily.

Lucy: You're not supposed to say that...

Mira: And to tell the truth, he's really forgetful. He never remembers the way he originally drew them.

Lucy: Oh, yeah! That happens all the time! At first, the clothes are all finely detailed, but as time goes on, he forgets to draw some parts on it.

Mira: He has this pattern of making it simpler as time goes on.

Lucy: We'll have to do something so he never forgets what he originally drew!

Mira: By the way, don't all of our questions this time seem to be about clothes?

Lucy: Now that you mention it...

Mira: And that brings us to our final clothes-based question.

What kind of panties do Lucy and Mira-chan wear?



Lucy: That question borders on sexual harassment.

Mira: I'm afraid this is one we simply cannot answer.

Lucy: Of course not!! I will never, never let anybody know such a thing!!

Mira: Not a chance! Never!

Lucy: So don't you *dare* look at the picture behind the title of this volume's column!!

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Kanagawa Prefecture,
Fuyuki Kagiwada



▲ Ohh! Love how he stands out against the black base!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Buta-san



▲ Ahhh!! Look what happened to Carla!

Osaka, Rio Fujiki



▲ Everyone's expressions are so good!!

Kanagawa Prefecture,
Mizuki Fukunaga



▲ Thanks for sending me your thoughts on the movie!!

Tokyo, A Kid Who Loves FT



▲ Everybody's in cat ears! And it looks good on them all, huh?

Miyagi Prefecture, Lyon-sama Love ♡



▲ Éclair from the movie! What is the fate she has taken on herself?

Hyogo Prefecture, Myū ☆



▲ The unexpectedly popular Kagura-san. She sure is cool.

Okayama Prefecture, Mao Amano



▲ Thank you!! I'll keep working very hard!!

Nagasaki Prefecture, Nanako Sawada



▲ Keep your eyes on Saber Tooth in the near future!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Tomoka Matsuo



▲ Look at those sharp eyes! Laxus has gotten much cooler than he used to be, huh?

Aichi Prefecture, Hotogi



▲ Hey, that's cute! I really like the way this is drawn!

Hokkaido, Yshel Hamakawa



▲ You're very good! Okay, I may take you up on that someday.

Shizuoka Prefecture,
Kiyora Sakagami



▲ The Grand Magic Games are coming to a climax! Purkin!

Look at what's happened to Happy and all the others...



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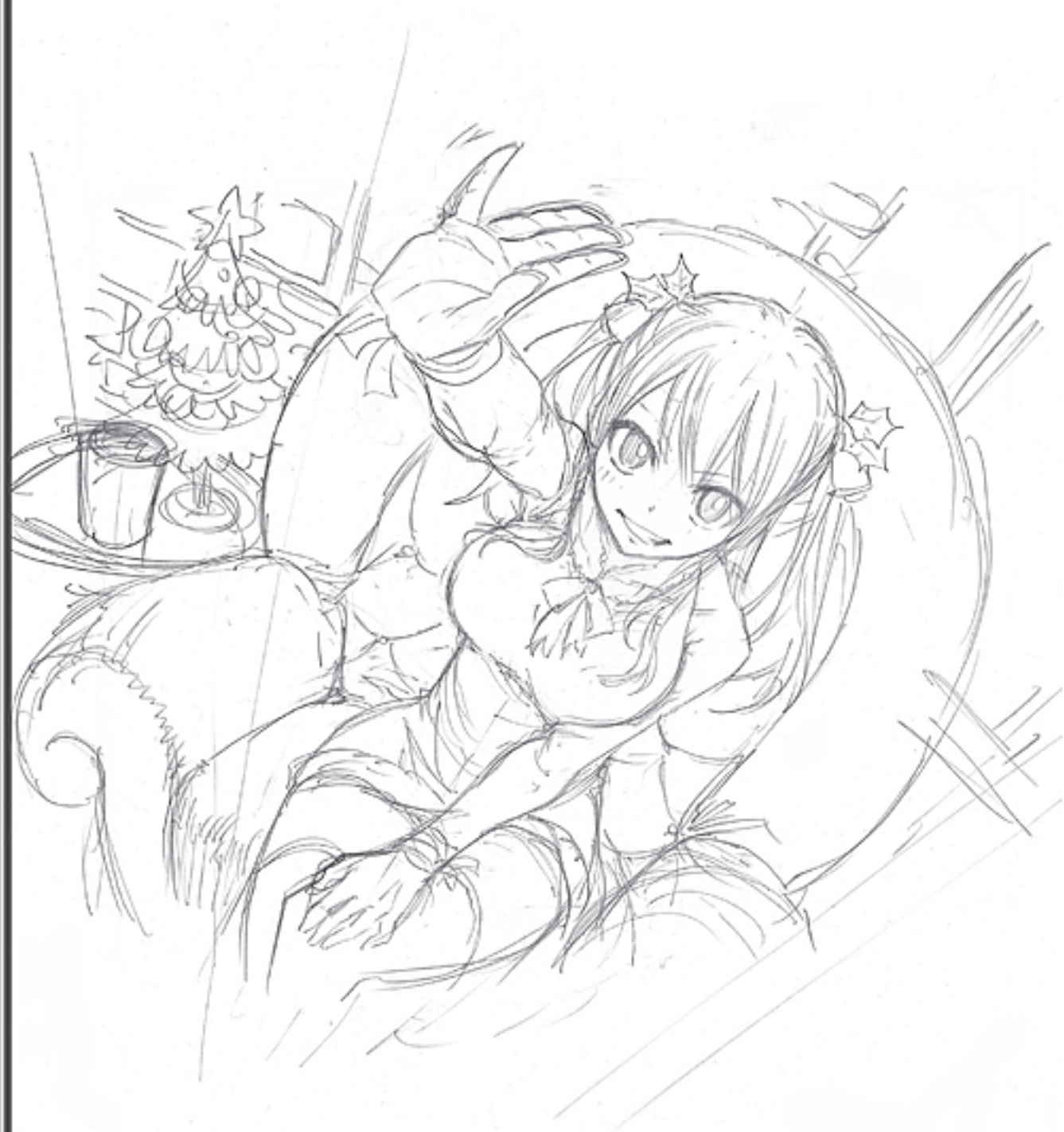
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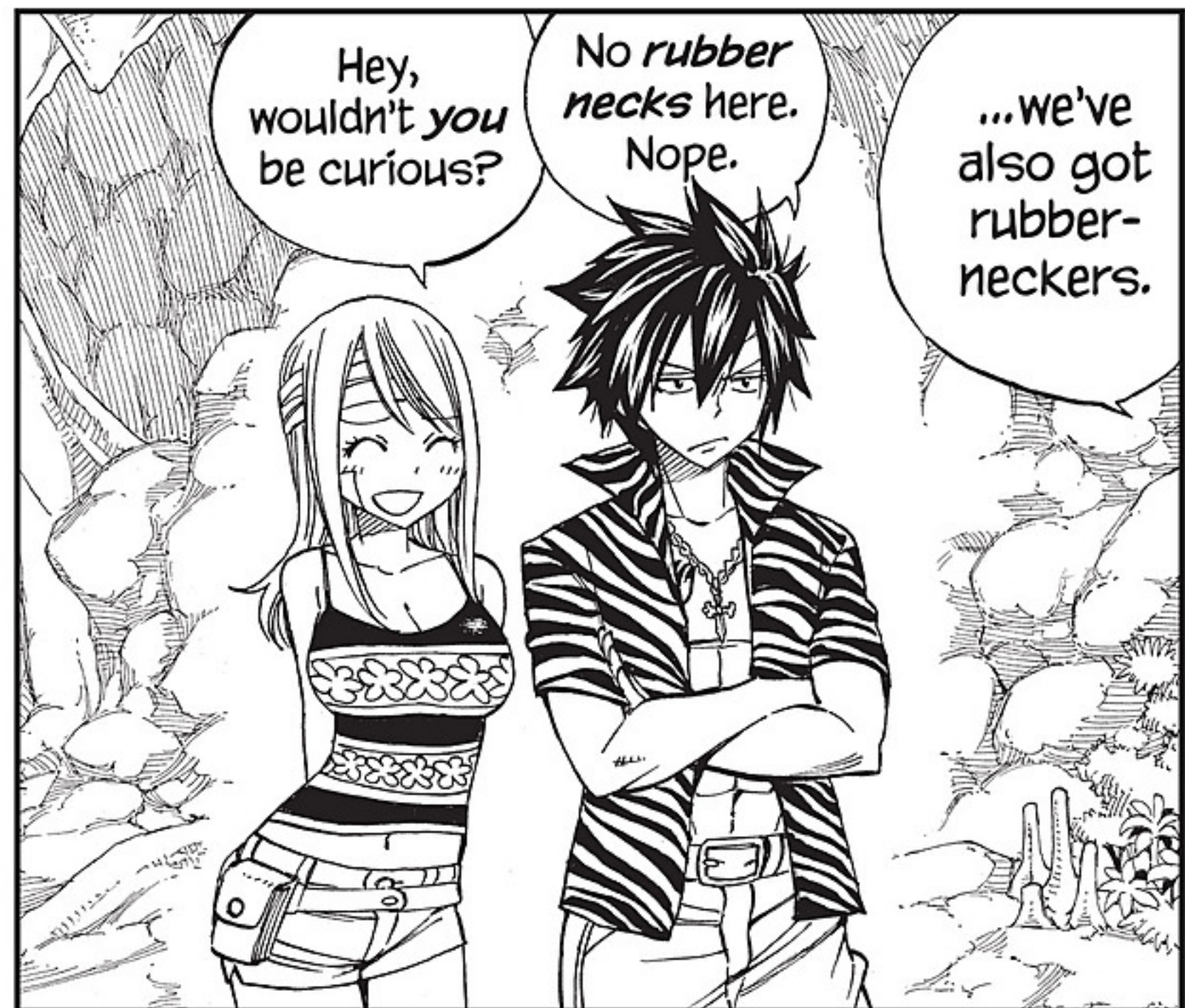
I went to a signing in Spain, and the picture is of the cosplayers I met there. It really is fun to interact with the overseas fans! Actually, I've had offers to come to all kinds of countries, but doing a weekly manga, it just seems that the timing hardly ever works out! I'm sorry to have been forced to refuse the ones I had to refuse!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

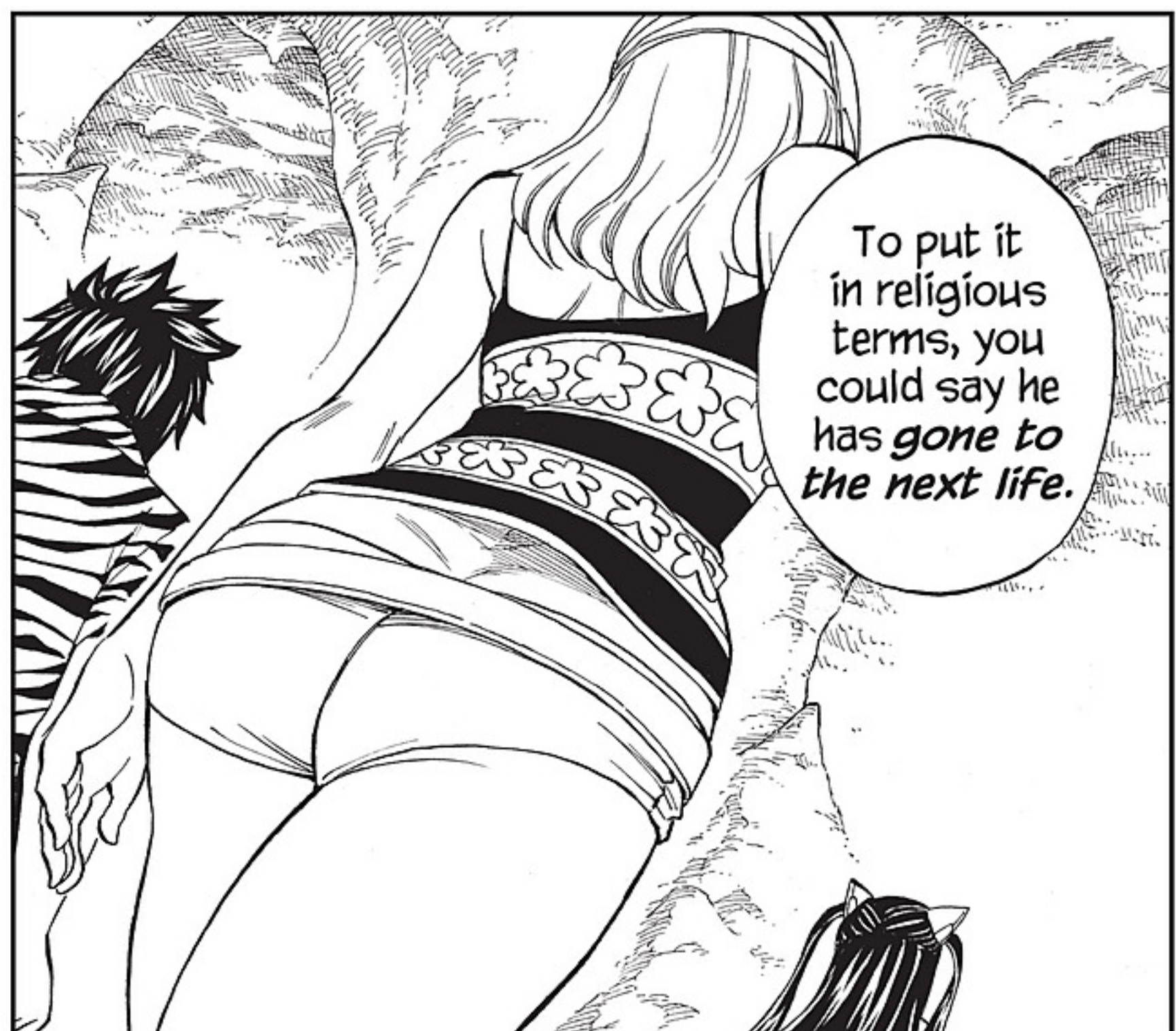
Page 19, Rubbernecker

The Japanese word for a rubbernecker is *yajiuma*, of which the *uma* part means "horse." Gray answers Carla's comment that they're *yajiuma* by asking, "Do you see any horses here?" Obviously that wouldn't work in English, as I don't know of any words in English for rubbernecking that has the word "horse" in it.



Page 44, Religious terms

The original Japanese uses the term *jôbutsu* ("attaining Buddhahood"), and refers to it coming from the East. Apparently, this term is a concept from Earth-land's Far East, too. In Japan, depending on the religion, you can move on to the next life (as in reincarnation), move on to the next world (as in heaven or hell or some other afterlife), or stick around as an ancestor and watch over your children's children. There are probably quite a few other possible afterlives among Japan's practiced religions as well.



Page 59, Lucy-dono

The original is "Lucy-dono." As mentioned in previous notes, *-dono* is an honorific much like, *-sama*, an honorific that indicates a lot of respect. But it is also somewhat archaic and is not used in everyday society. Apparently Arcadios uses it as well as Jura.

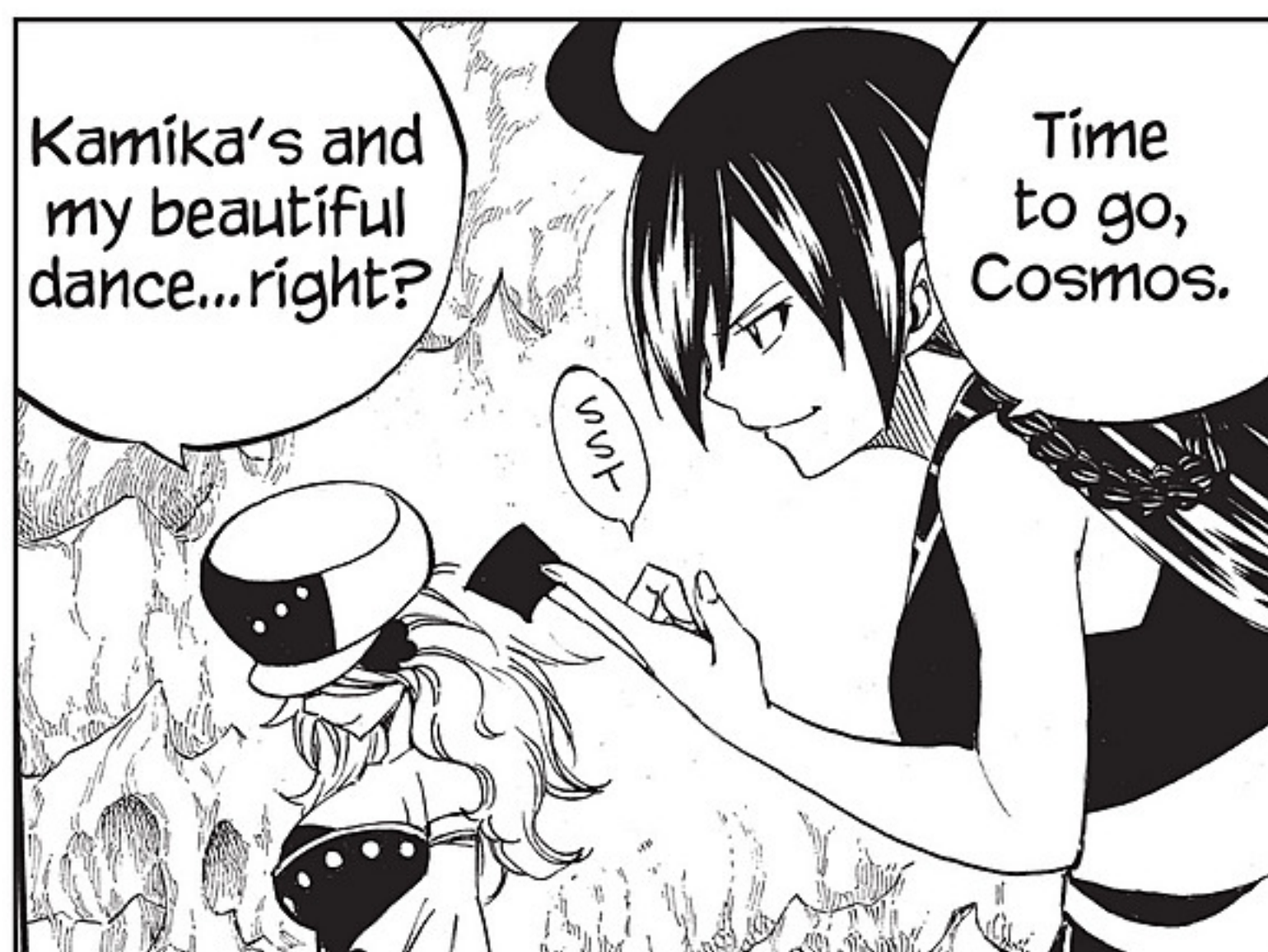


Page 161, Huge Catch (Tai)

It looks like the character of Uosuke (see below for his name) is hung up on the sound/word *tai*. With over 40 different *kanji* characters that all use the sound *tai*, it is a sound with a lot of potential in the Japanese language. Two examples are what Uosuke first says which is, *tairyô*, which means, "Huge catch." Another is the, "Belt" that appears in his attack names (meaning region, such as the rust belt or farm belt), which also is pronounced *tai*.

Page 171, Kamika

Kamika's attacks use two key words, "paper," and "god," both of which (not coincidentally) are pronounced *kami* in Japanese. So the "Kami" part of Kamika's name probably refers to one or both of those concepts. *Ka* meaning "fragrance" has become a much-used *kanji* in girls names.



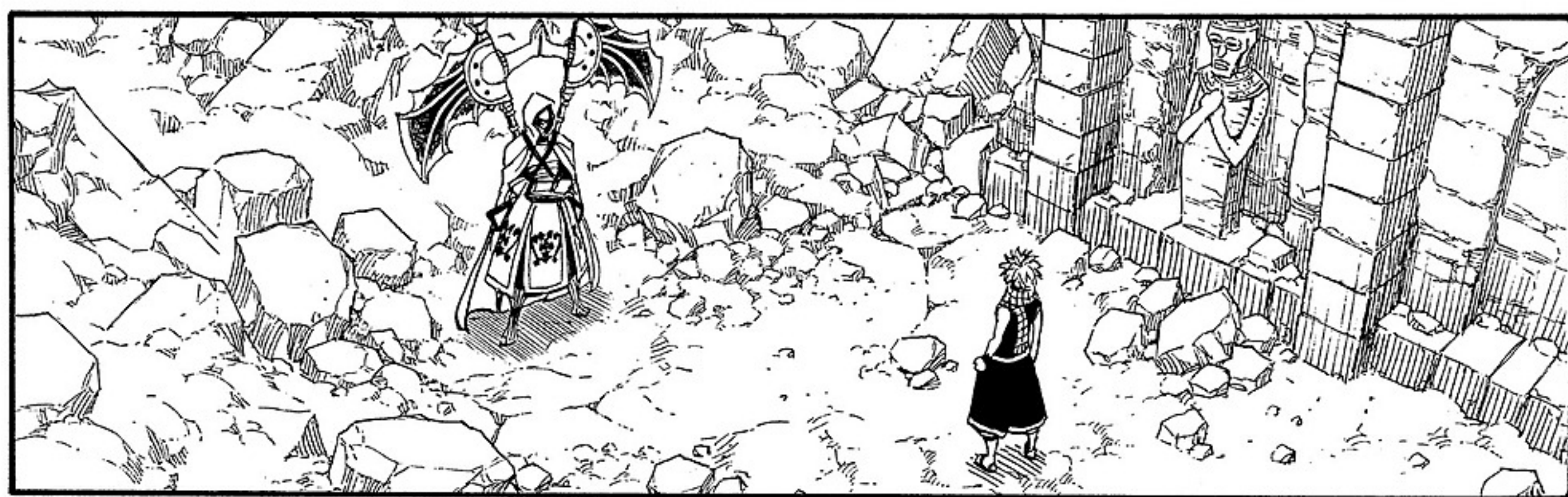
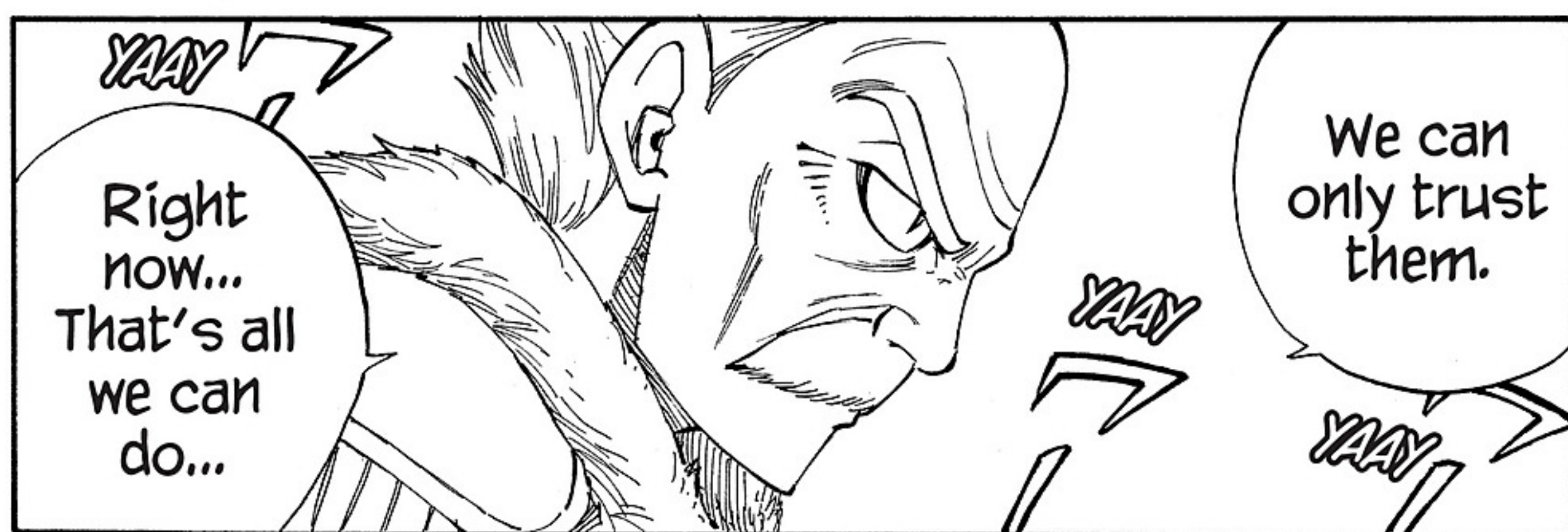
Page 185, Uosuke

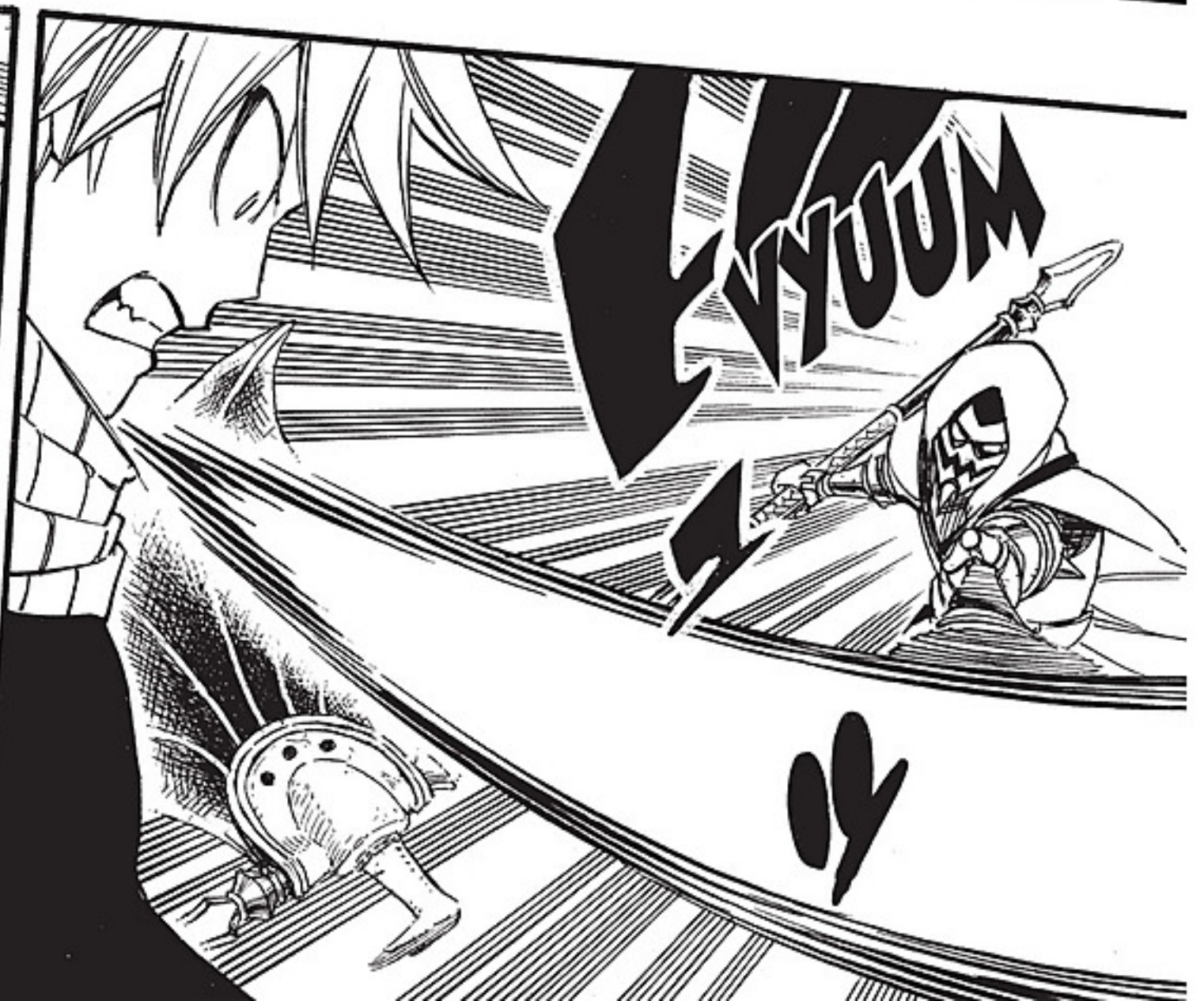
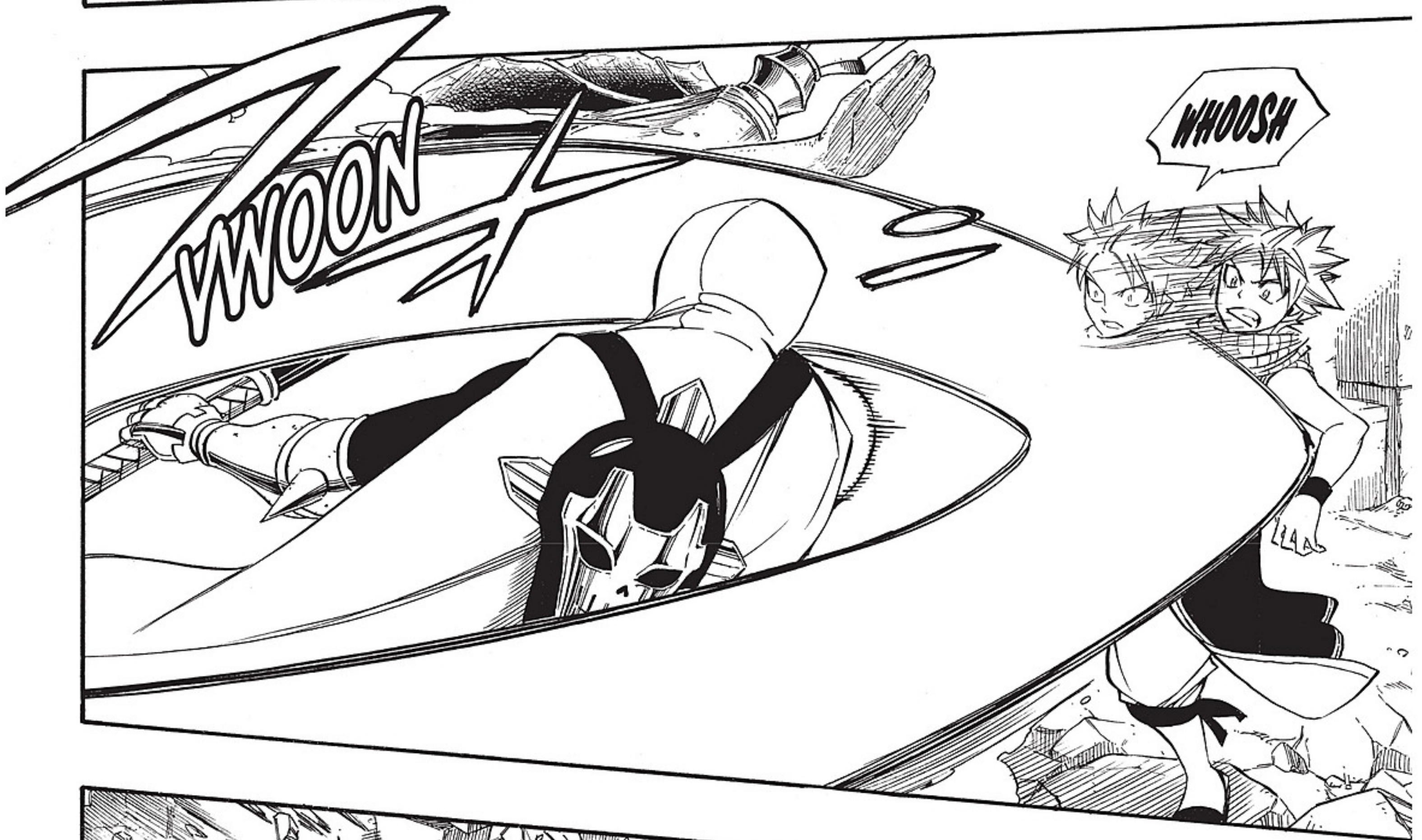
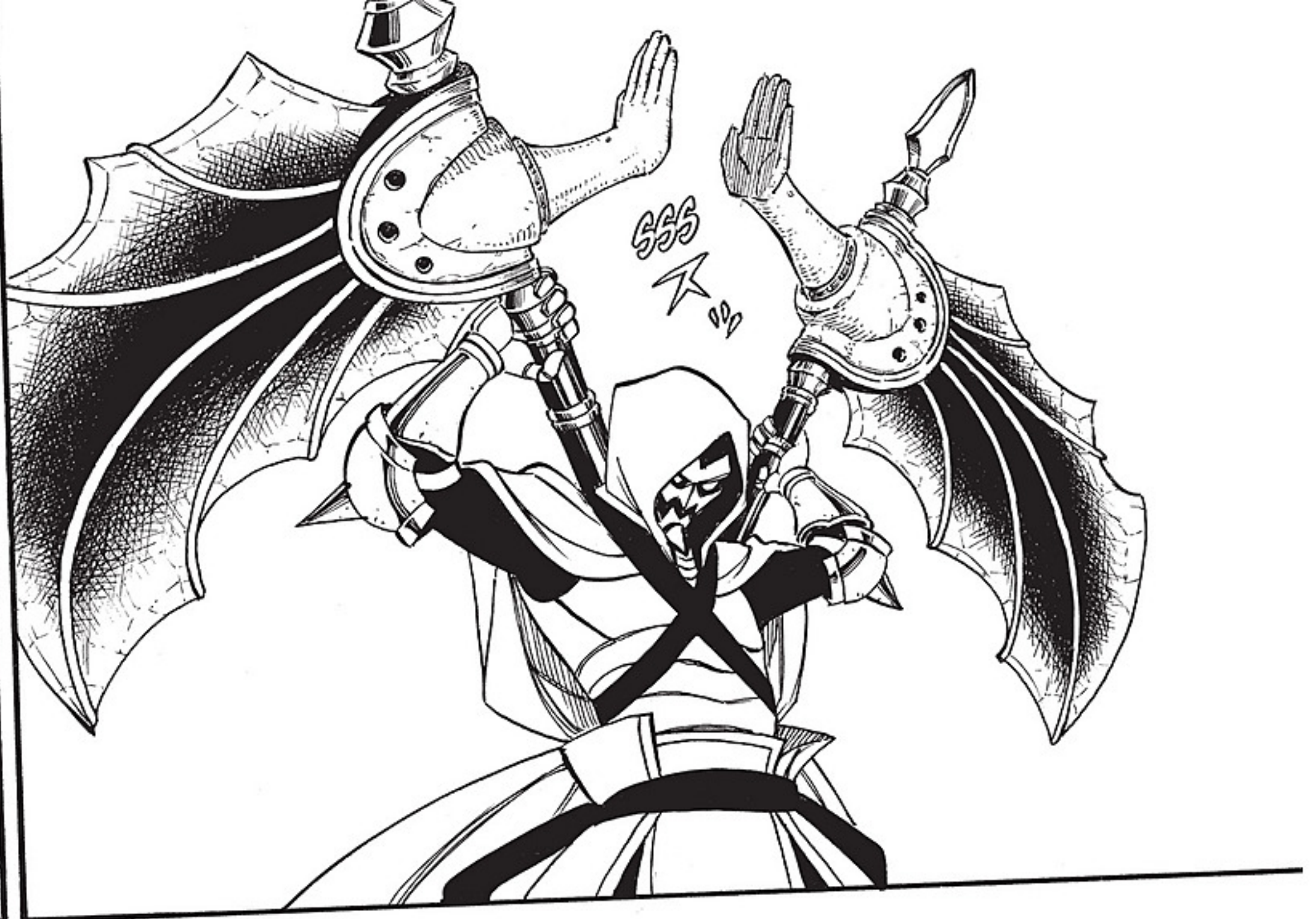
The *kanji* for ending male names pronounced *suke* has been popular for centuries (along with other name endings such as *o*, *ta*, and *rô*, among others). For pronunciation, recall the explanations when Daisuke Matsuzaka started pitching for the Boston Red Sox. However, the first part of his name, *uo*, is unusual for names. Although Uosuke's name is given in *katakana* (a pronunciation-based writing system), there is no sure way to determine absolutely which *kanji* is intended. But it is probably the *kanji* for "fish" given that there are few *kanji* that use the sound *uo*, Uosuke's talent for fishing for Happy, his traditional fisherman's dress, and his "Huge catch" flag.

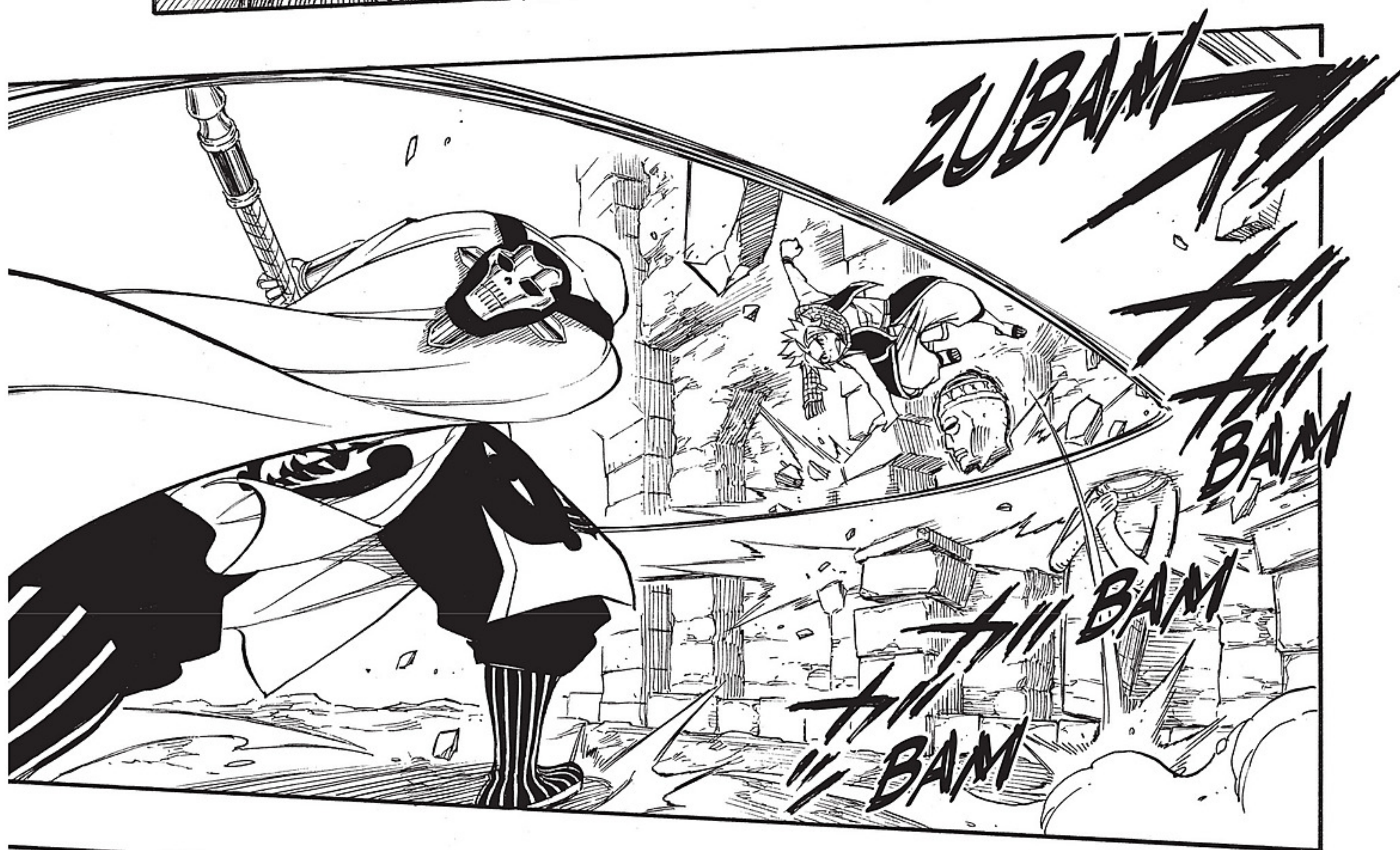
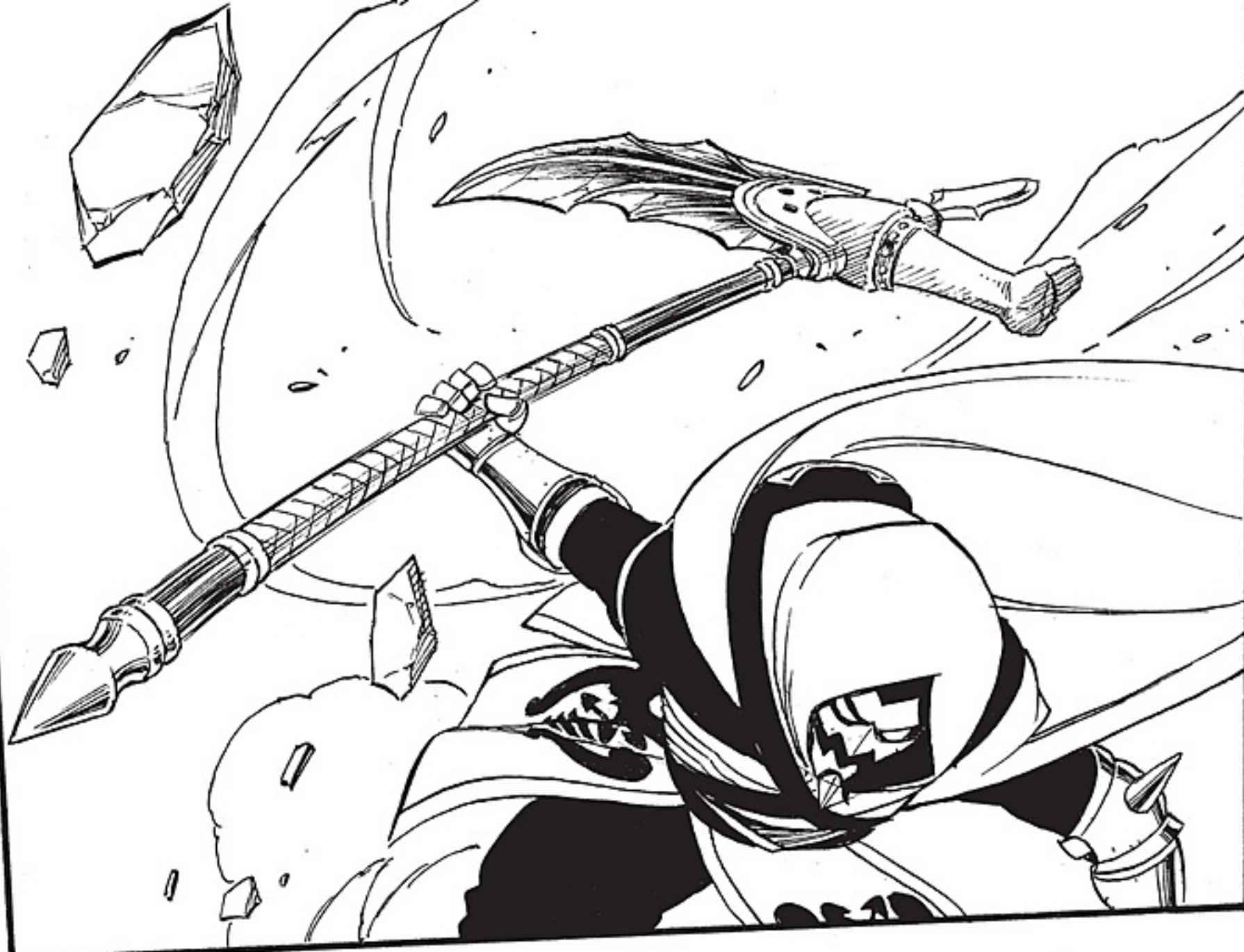


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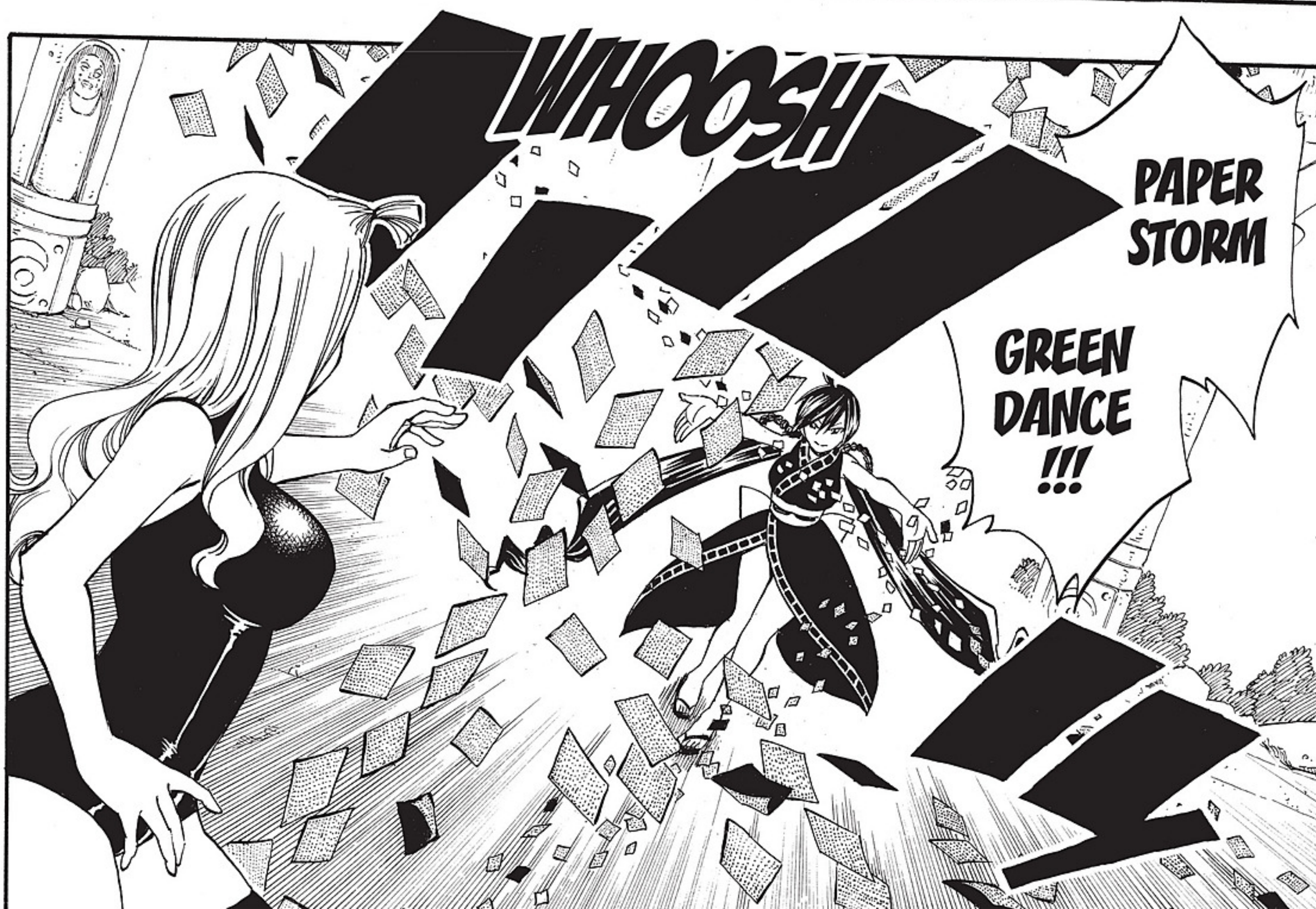
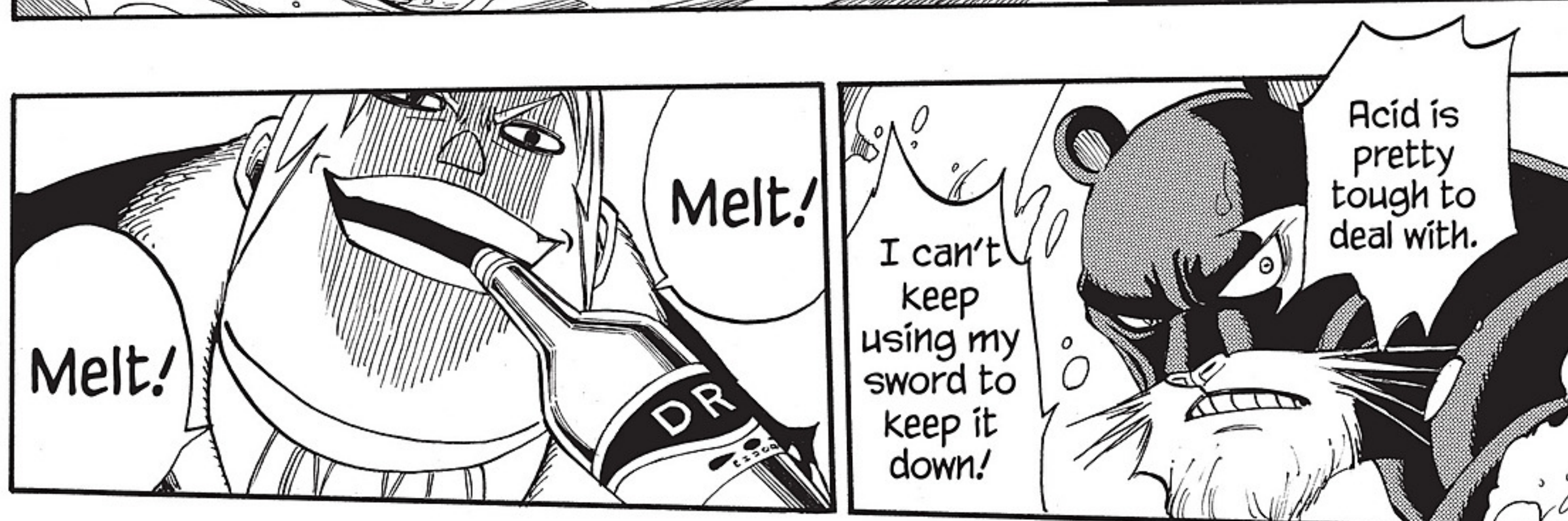
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scary
guy!



My
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to behead
criminals.



This
guy...

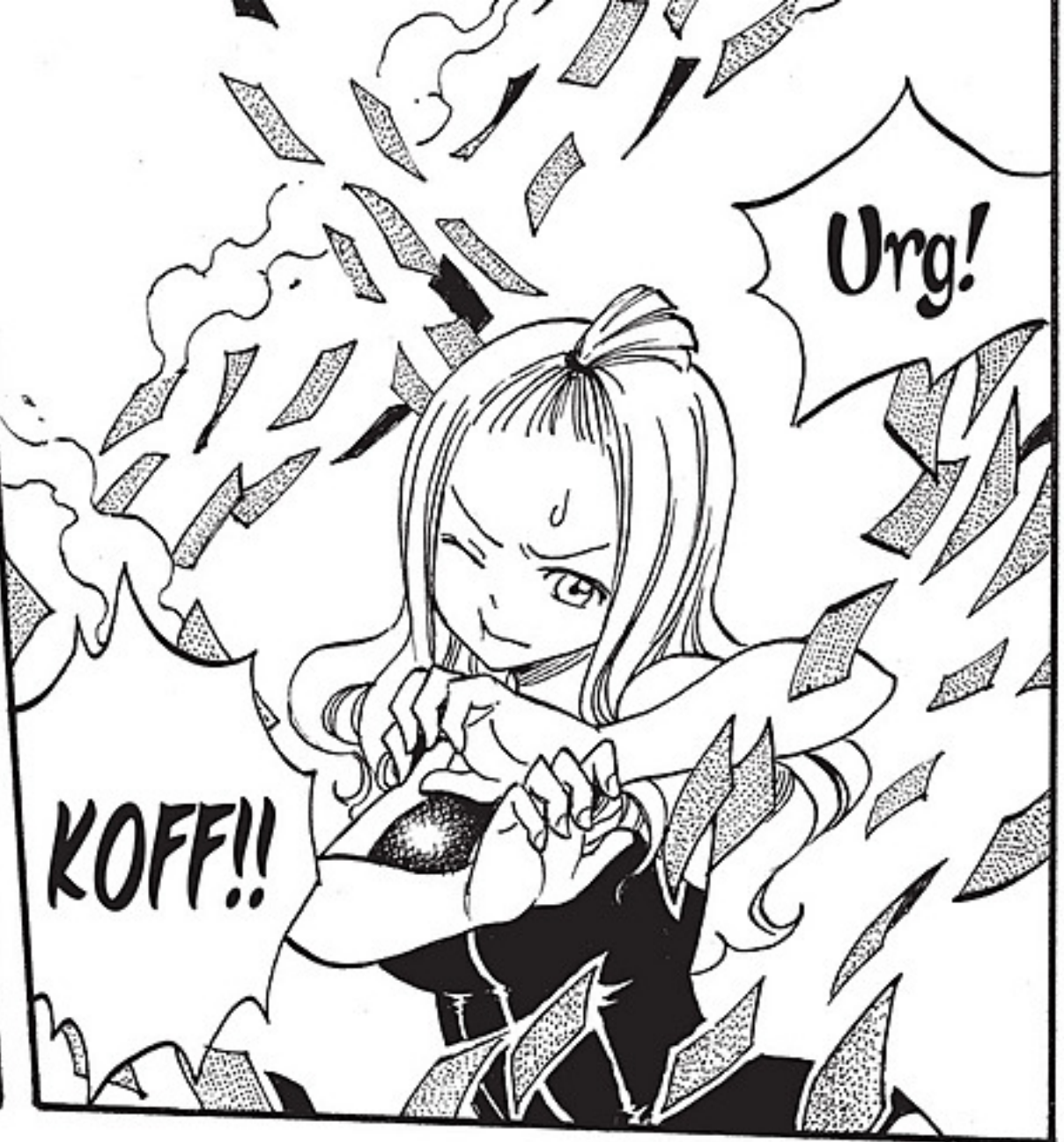




These people...



Green paper is the spirit of poison!



Urg!

KOFF!!



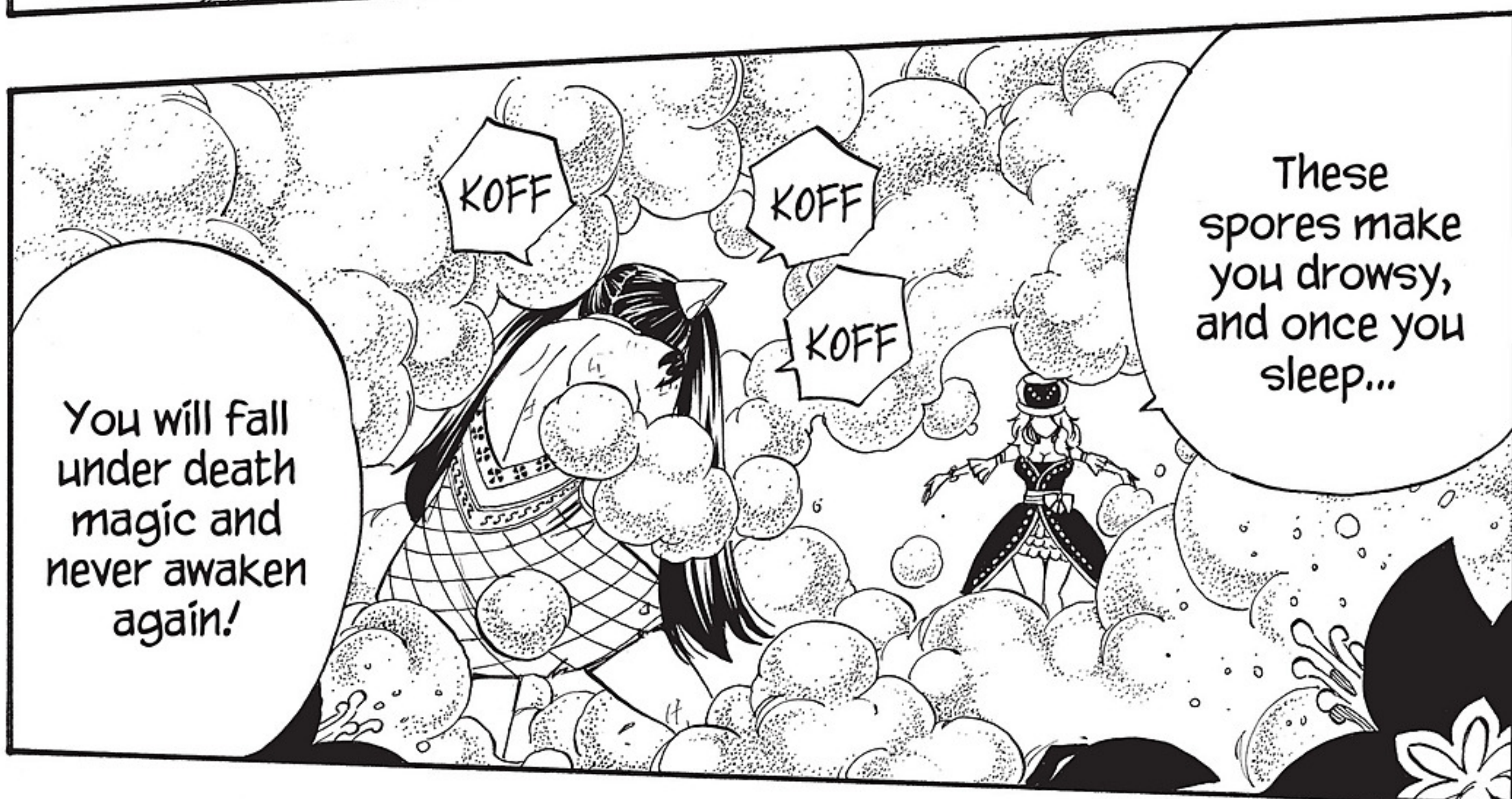
They really *are* trying to kill us...



BOOM BOOM



SPORE BOMB, RINKA RENKA!

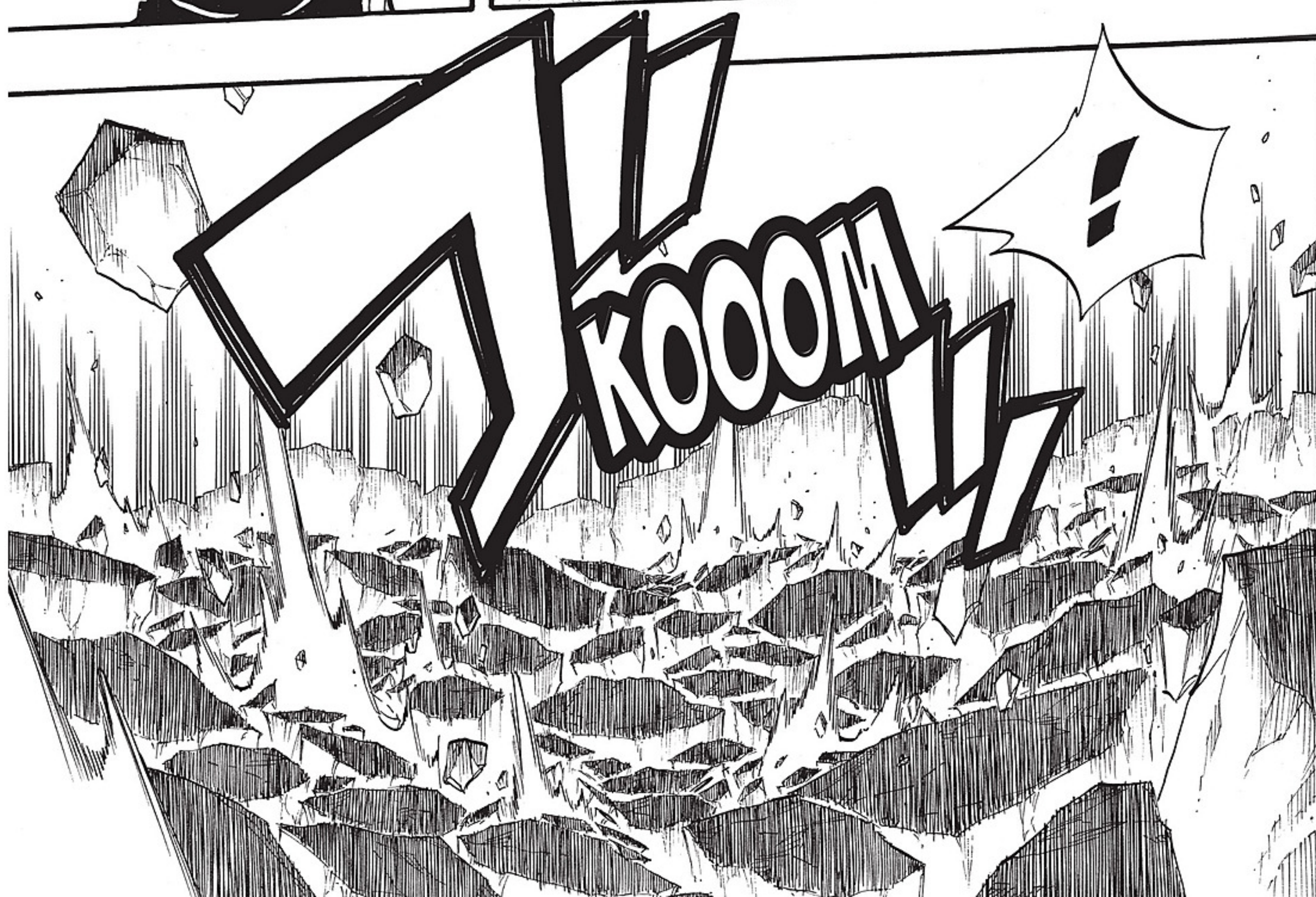


... LAVA
BAND!!!!

EARTH
EFFECT...



Burning
...



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